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RECENTLY...

Haru and the gang are having a difficult time in their fight against **Hardner** in the **Mystic Realm**. After **Belnika** defects from his side to Haru's, she realizes that Hardner's evil scheme must be to use the power of the **Altar of Birth** to fuse himself with **Elie** in order to gain her power of **Etherion**—so that he can summon the monster **Endless**, the King of Oblivion!



THE **RAVE MASTER** CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

PLUE

The Rave Bearer, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET & JULIA

Members of the Dragon Race. Let was formerly a member of Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master. Julia was trapped in dragon form for years, but Let was able to free her and she joined the team.

BELINKA

As a young girl, she was experimented on in an attempt to artificially access Etherion. Hardner fooled her into fighting for evil until Haru exposed the truth and she joined his side.

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" seneniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

THE ORACION SIX

Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

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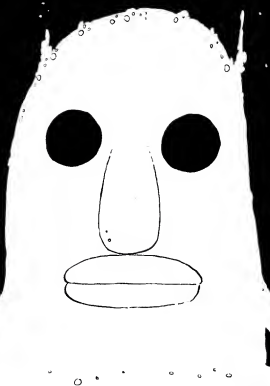
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IT'S THE
CONTENTS,
YOUNG 'UNS!



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**RAVE
MASTER**



**The King of Oblivion?
Griff Rex**



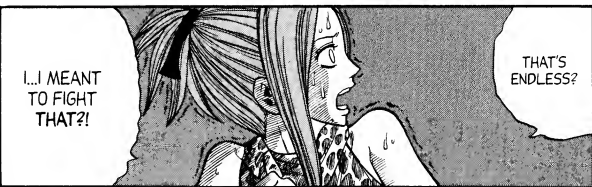


AW,
SNAP!!

HE'S EVEN
BIGGER'N
LAST
TIME!!



END-
LESS?!



I...I MEANT
TO FIGHT
THAT?!

THAT'S
ENDLESS?



I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR THIS!!

FINALLY, IT'S
TIME FOR
ENDLESS AND
I TO BECOME
ONE AND THE
SAME!!



HEH..

HEH
HEH!!



ENDLESS
HAS
ENTERED
THE
BUILDING!!

BWA HA
HA! HE'S
FINALLY
HERE!
TAKE A
GOOD
LOOK,
LADIES
AND GEN-
TLEMEN!





FUSION
TAKES
A FEW
MINUTES...

IT WON'T
WORK IF
WE DON'T
STAND
STILL!

HOW CAN
I GET HIM
TO DO
THAT?!

WHAT'S
ALL
THIS?!

HUH?
2!

A
A
A
H!

G
A
A
H!!

SON
OF
A--





Urburg, Far
West of the
Altar of Birth



IT'S AROUND
VIYBASS, TO
THE EAST.

HAVE YOU
SEEN THE
HAVOC?

kee
hee!



THEN LET
US GO
TO THE
HUMAN
WORLD.

kee
hee!



THE
MYSTIC
REALM IS
FINISHED.

WELL...
NO LOSS.

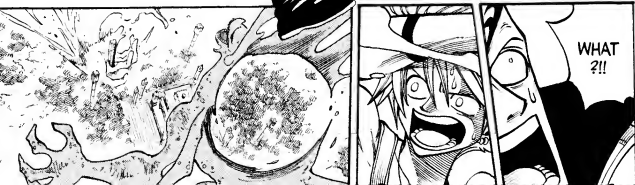
...THIS
WORLD'S
GONNA--

IF HE GOES
BERSERK...

INCOMING--
SECOND
WAVE!

DAMMIT!

IT'S AIMING
AT US THIS
TIME!





オオオオオ...

huff...

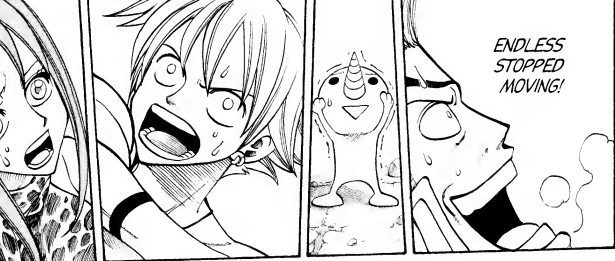
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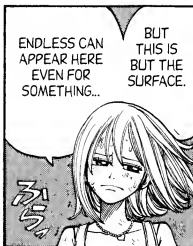
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huff...

huff...

オオオオオ...





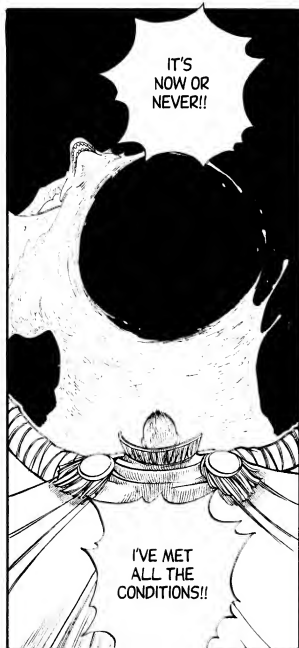
ENDLESS CAN
APPEAR HERE
EVEN FOR
SOMETHING...

BUT
THIS IS
BUT THE
SURFACE.



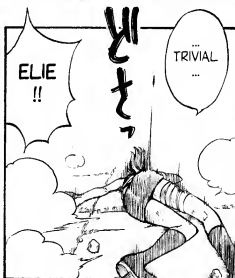
I BELIEVE
THAT THE
STAFF'S
POWER IS
REQUIRED...

...TO LURE
ENDLESS
TO STAR
MEMORY.



IT'S
NOW OR
NEVER!!

I'VE MET
ALL THE
CONDITIONS!!



ELIE
!!

...TRIVIAL
...



...SO...



ENDLESS
STOPPED...
HE STOPPED!!



ELIE,
HANG ON!!

Puun
!!



...FUSE US
INTO ONE
LIFE AND
EVOLVE US
INTO SOME-
THING NEW!

MY FLESH
AND THE
FLESH OF
ENDLESS...

DO YOU
HEAR ME,
O LEBEN
RING?!

Ha ha ha ha ha!!



OH
NO!

HE'S
BEGIN
THE
FUSION!



YOU
WILL NOT
INTERFERE!



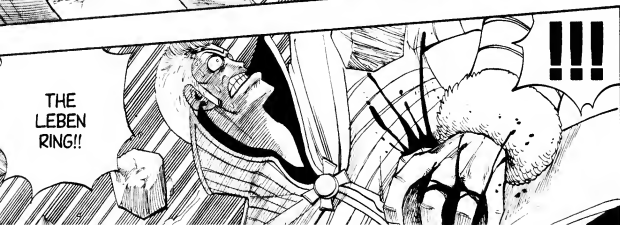
NUTS
TO
THAT!



HARDNER!!

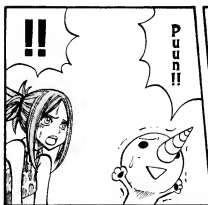


AND YOU CAN'T STOP THE FUSION NOW!



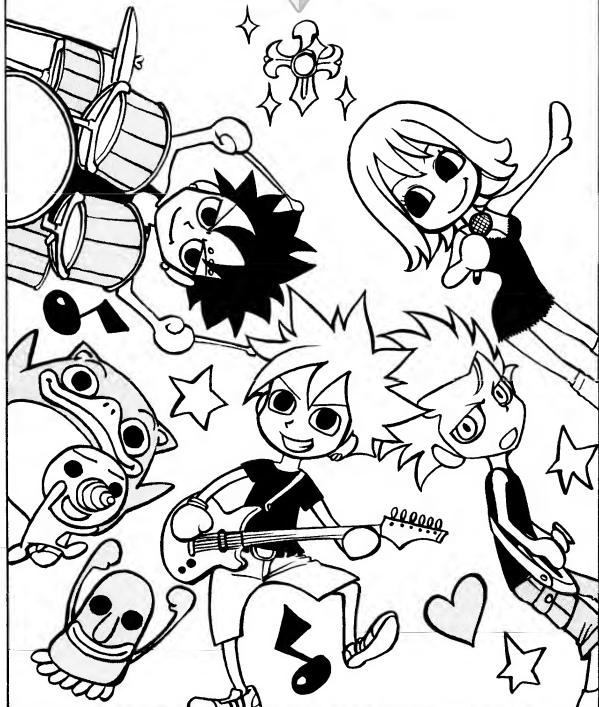


YOU CAN'T
HEAL IT AND
YOUR BODY,
CAN YOU?!



ENDLESS
IS MOVING
AGAIN!!!

RAVE MASTER





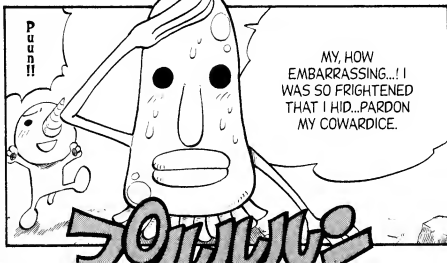
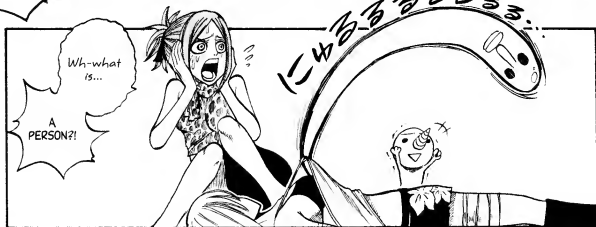
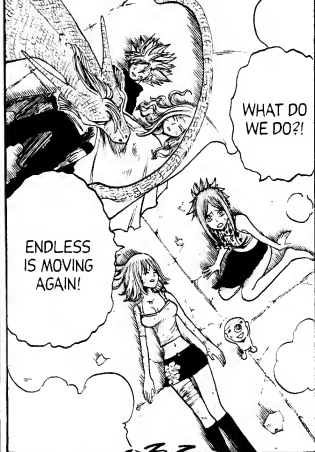
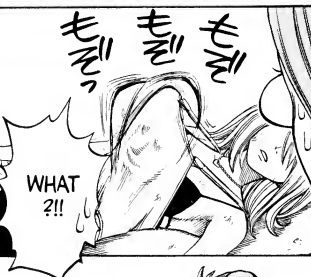


DO YOU ENJOY
RUINING ALL
MY CAREFULLY
LAID PLANS?!

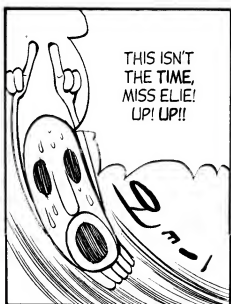
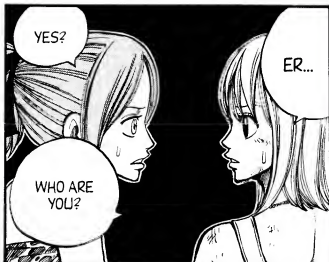


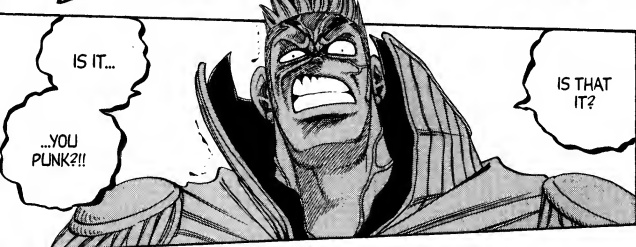
DON'T
BE STUPID,
HARDNER!
ENDLESS IS
GETTING UP
AGAIN!





MY, HOW EMBARRASSING...! I WAS SO FRIGHTENED THAT I HID...PARDON MY COWARDICE.







GET
REAL, YOU
SCRAWNY
LITTLE
TWERP!!

I'VE GOT
MORE
POWER
THAN THAT
IN MY PINKY
FINGER!!



...AND
ENDLESS?
WHAT'S
GOING ON?

HARU...
HARDNER...



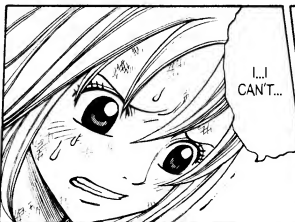
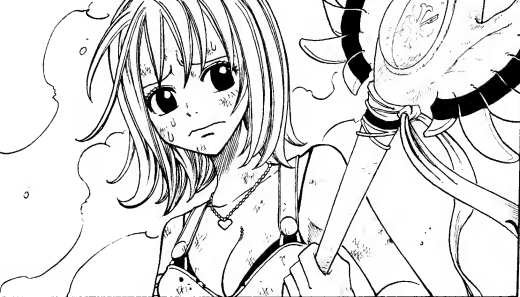
THE
TIME-
SPACE
STAFF?!



Puun!!



MISS ELIE,
YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN STOP
ENDLESS NOW!





I CAN'T
JUST LET
ETHERION
OUT WHEN
I CAN'T
CONTROL
IT!!

BUT I
DON'T
KNOW
HOW TO
STOP IT!!



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
"YOU
CAN'T"?!

YOU HAVE
TO DO IT
BEFORE--



BUT IF I
FAIL, THE
ENTIRE
WORLD
MIGHT...



MISS ELIE,
HURRY! HE'S
ALMOST
HERE!

Puun!!

ブッブッブッ!!



WE
DON'T
HAVE A
CHOICE!



ELIE...



YOU
CAN DO
IT, ELIE!!

I BELIEVE
IN YOU!!!



YOU CAN DO IT...

*BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AS
YOUR FRIENDS ALREADY DO...*



RESHA!!!



ELIE!!
STOP
ENDLESS!!



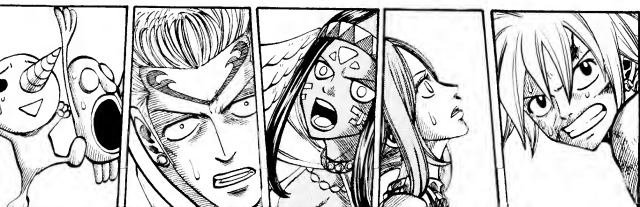
THAT
JERK IS
MINE!!!

GOT IT!!!



PLEASE
LET THIS
WORK!!

PLEASE LET
THIS POWER
PROTECT MY
FRIENDS AND
THIS WORLD!!!





ROOAR!

FREEZE



SWEET.



Puun!!

SHE
SUCCEEDED!!



IT...
STOPPED!



?!



WITH
ENDLESS
STOPPED, I
HAVE MORE
TIME TO
FUSE!!

BWA HA HA!
EVERYTHING'S
TURNING UP
HARDNER!!



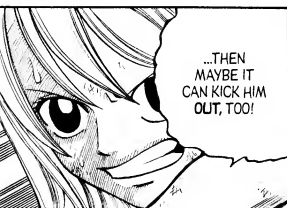
HUH?! WHAT
IS HE--?!



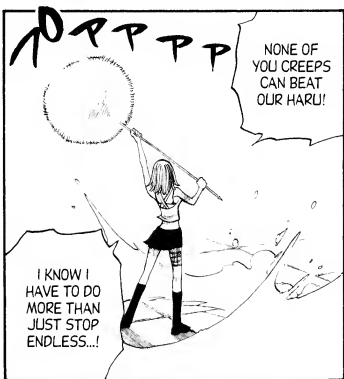
I'LL
FINISH
YOU
LATER,
BRAT.



IF THE
STAFF
CAN LURE
HIM...



...THEN
MAYBE IT
CAN KICK HIM
OUT, TOO!



〇〇〇〇〇〇

NONE OF
YOU CREEPS
CAN BEAT
OUR HARU!

I KNOW I
HAVE TO DO
MORE THAN
JUST STOP
ENDLESS...!



ッッ

GO!!!



NOT
VANISHED--
SENT
AWAY--

OH!!

TO A
WORLD
WHERE
NO ONE
DWELLS.

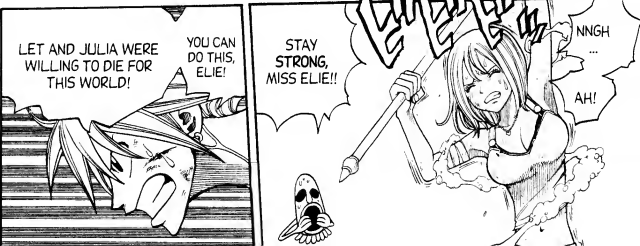
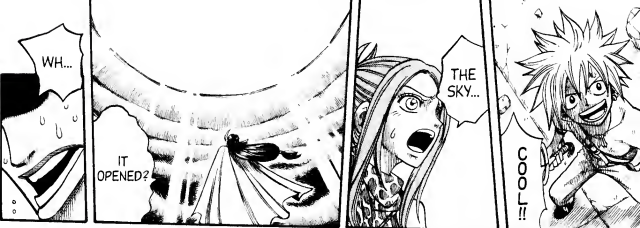


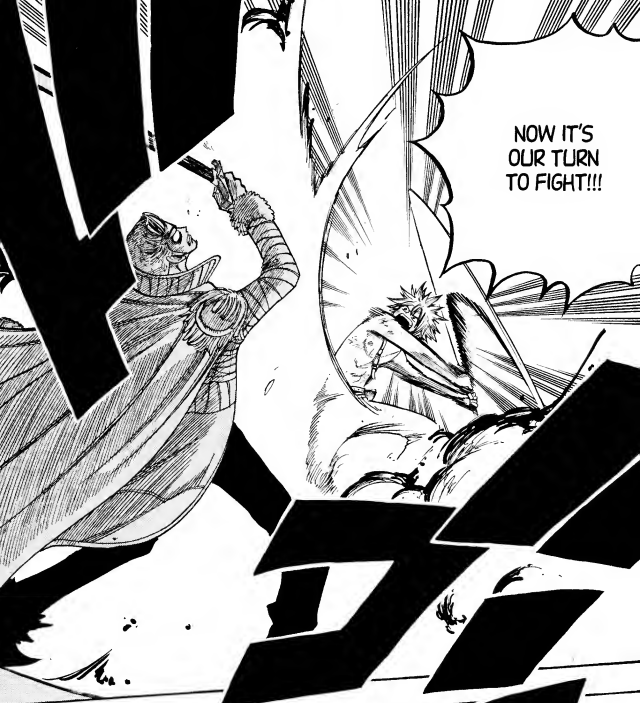
...BEGONE
FROM
THIS
PLACE!!!

ENDLESS...

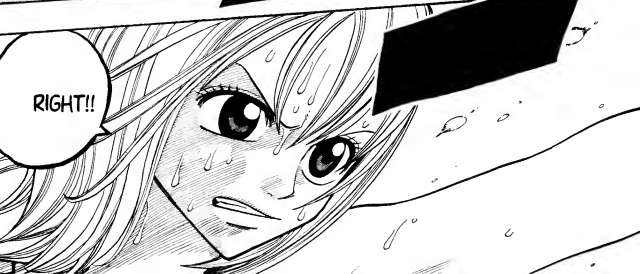
ガッガッガッガッ







NOW IT'S
OUR TURN
TO FIGHT!!!



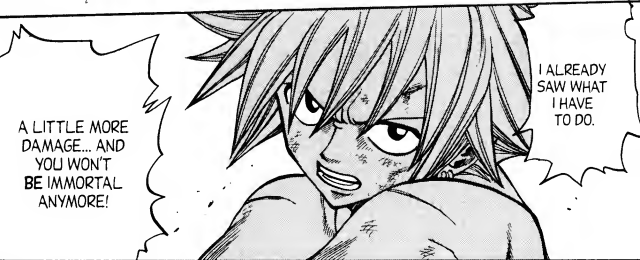
RIGHT!!



IT DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU CUT ME--
I'LL NEVER
DIE!!

STUPID...
PIPSQUEAK!

LORD
HARDNER!

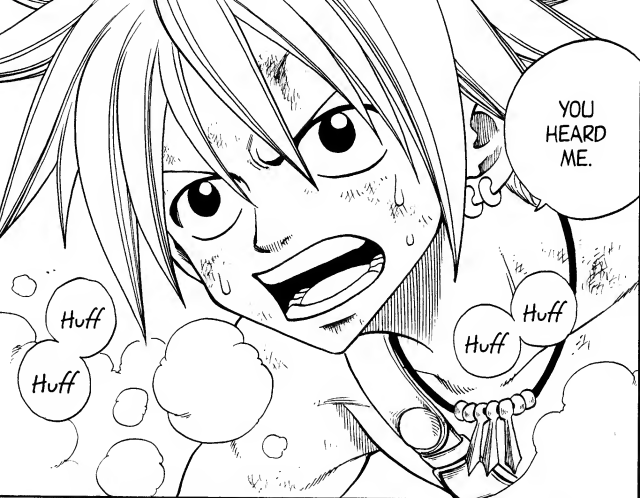


A LITTLE MORE
DAMAGE... AND
YOU WON'T
BE IMMORTAL
ANYMORE!

I ALREADY
SAW WHAT
I HAVE
TO DO.









HE'S
VANISHING!



I HAVE TO
STOP LETTING
THIS PLUNK
DISTRACT ME!



WHAT...

...THE
HECK?!

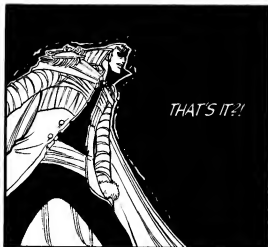


ULTI-
MATE
PAIN!!!





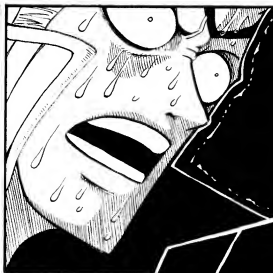
THIS CRAP
HURTS,
ASSHOLE!



THAT'S IT?!



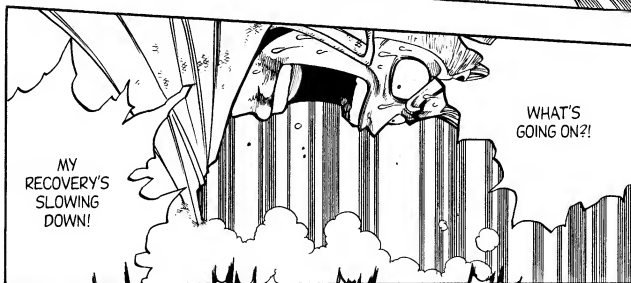
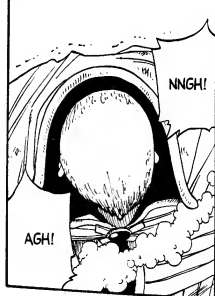
IT CAN'T BE!



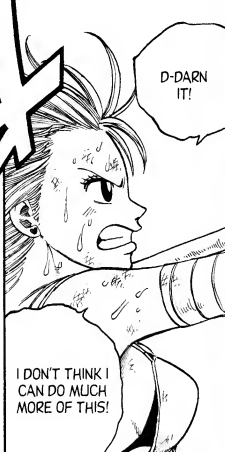
IT DIDN'T...BRING BACK
ALL HIS INJURIES?

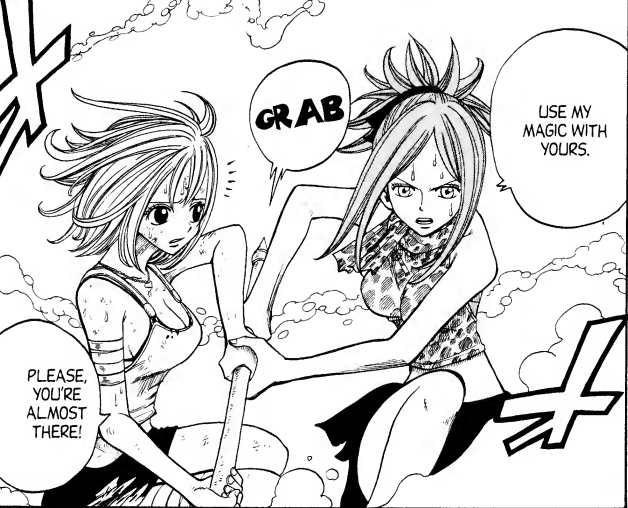


ARGH!









GRAB

USE MY
MAGIC WITH
YOURS.

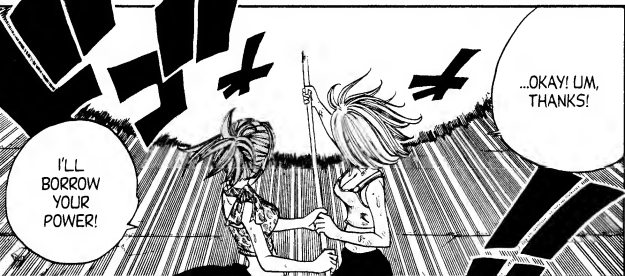
PLEASE,
YOU'RE
ALMOST
THERE!



AND SHE SENT
THOSE WORDS
EARLIER.

SHE
PATCHED
UP HARU'S
ARM.

WAIT... WE
MET HER IN
MIEL CITY.



I'LL
BORROW
YOUR
POWER!

...OKAY! UM,
THANKS!

A character is shown in a dynamic pose, dodging a large, curved attack. The background is filled with motion lines and a large 'A' sound effect.

IT'S TOO
STUPID TO
BE TRUE!

NOT FROM
FIGHTING YOU!

YOU'RE LYING!
MY POWER
CAN'T BE
DRAINED!

A close-up of a character's face, showing a wide, open-mouthed expression of shock or pain, with sweat droplets visible.

STOPS
WORKING?!

DODGE

A character is shown dodging a large, powerful attack. The attack is depicted with a large, curved blade or energy wave. The character is in a dynamic pose, dodging the attack.

YOU
STINKING
LITTLE
PLUS POD!

HOW COULD
YOU DO THIS BY
YOURSELF?!

A close-up of a character's face, showing a wide, open-mouthed expression of shock or pain, with sweat droplets visible.

WHAT?

A close-up of a character's face, showing a wide, open-mouthed expression of shock or pain, with sweat droplets visible.

I DIDN'T
DO IT BY
MYSELF!



YOU ALREADY
FOUGHT LET!

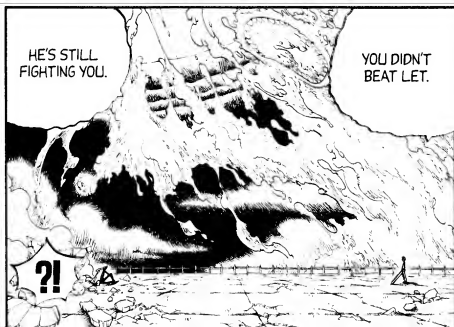
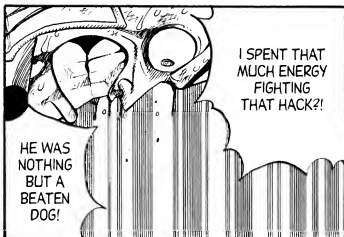


LET?!

THE
DRAGON
RACE?!



アハハハ!





OUR WILLS ARE
TIED TOGETHER
NOW, INTO A SWORD
POINTED AT YOU.



ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME? YOU'RE
JUST A SORE
LOSER!

HE'S BEATEN!
HELPLESS!

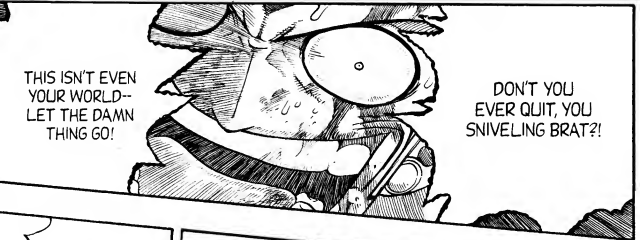


HARU...



AS LONG AS HE
DOESN'T GIVE UP,
HIS WILL CAN
KEEP FIGHTING!

LET LOSERS IF
THE MYSTIC
REALM'S
DESTROYED.



THIS ISN'T EVEN
YOUR WORLD--
LET THE DAMN
THING GO!

DON'T YOU
EVER QUIT, YOU
SNIVELING BRAT?!



IF YOU CAN'T
GET THAT...

I CAN EVEN...
FEEL HARU'S
WILL.

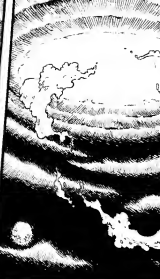
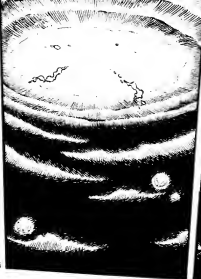
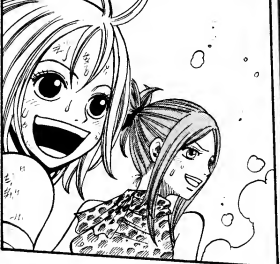
ALL OF US CAN.

MY FRIENDS'
WILL IS MY
WILL.

I'M FIGHTING
'CUZ I CAN'T
DO THAT.



...THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU'LL EVER
BEAT US!



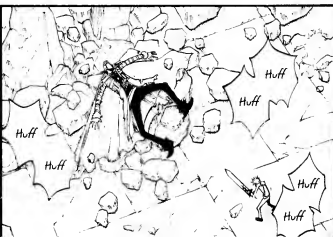




YEAH...
NOW WE'VE
JUST GOTTA
CLOSE THAT
HOLE UP.

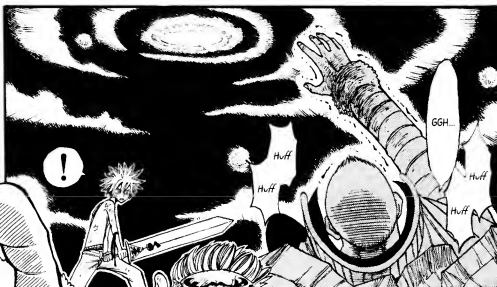


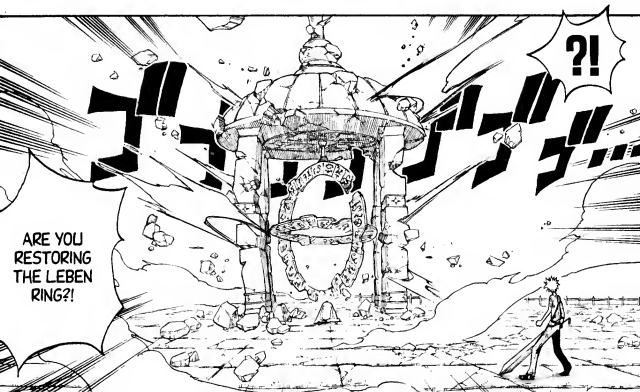
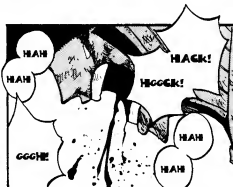
ENDLESS
VANISHED!



HUZZAH FOR
MISS ELIE!
HUZZAH
FOR MISS
BELNIKA!

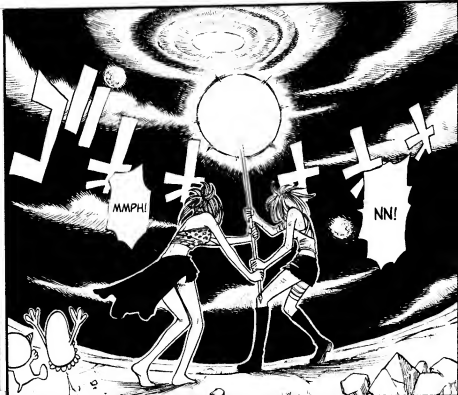
Puun!

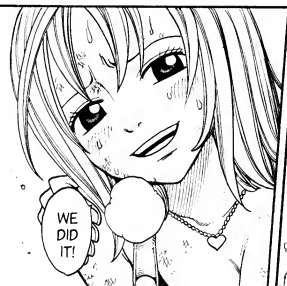
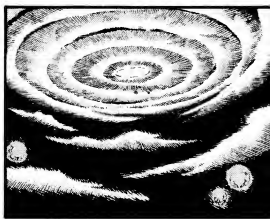
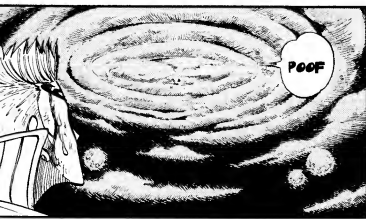




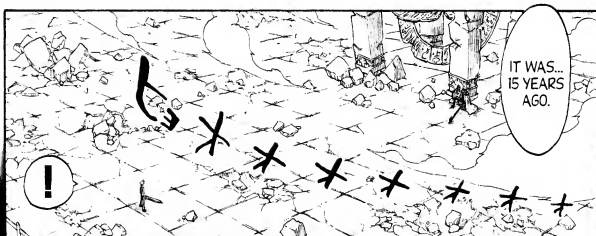


BUT YOU HAVE SO LITTLE POWER LEFT!





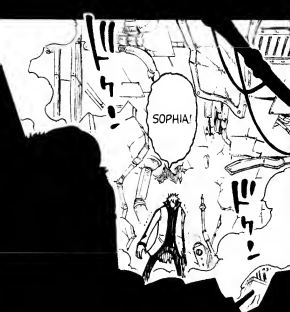






BUT THEN
ONE DAY, THE
LIBERALE
FAMILIA CRASHED
UNEXPECTEDLY.

AND ON THAT
DAY... I LOST
EVERYTHING.





NO...



NO!



YOU CAN'T
LEAVE
ME!

YOU... YOU
WERE
ABOUT TO
HAVE OUR
BABY!



SOPHIA...



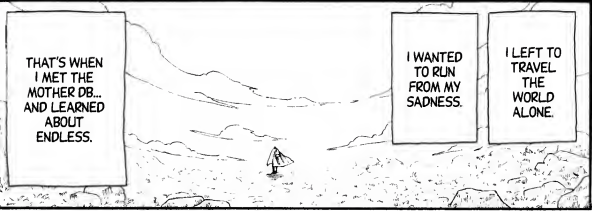
NO...!



THIS ISN'T...
HAPPENING.

IT'S NOT.
HA HA!

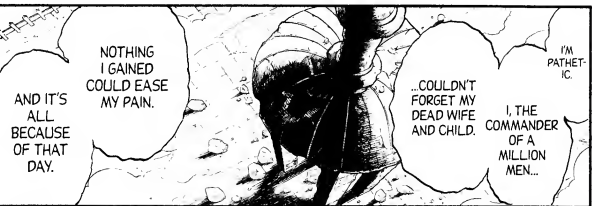




THAT'S WHEN
I MET THE
MOTHER DB...
AND LEARNED
ABOUT
ENDLESS.

I WANTED
TO RUN
FROM MY
SADNESS.

I LEFT TO
TRAVEL
THE
WORLD
ALONE.



NOTHING
I GAINED
COULD EASE
MY PAIN.

AND IT'S
ALL
BECAUSE
OF THAT
DAY.

...COULDN'T
FORGET MY
DEAD WIFE
AND CHILD.

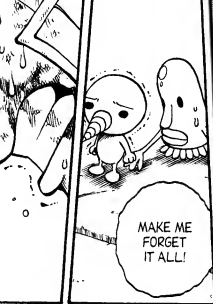
I'M
PATHET-
IC.

I, THE
COMMANDER
OF A
MILLION
MEN...



I JUST
WANTED
TO FORGET
THAT DAY.

AND I THOUGHT
THE KING OF
OBLIVION WOULD
WIPE IT FROM
MY MEMORY.





THE DAMN
THING SAVED
MY LIFE.

IT'S A
CERAMIC
FIBER
BANDANA.

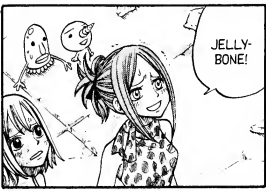


HUH?!



YOU'RE...
ALIVE?!

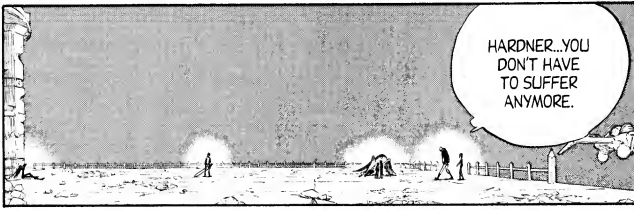
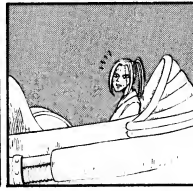
YUMA!



JELLY-
BONE!



LADY
BELNIKA!
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT!



HARDNER...YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO SUFFER
ANYMORE.



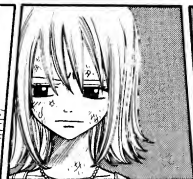
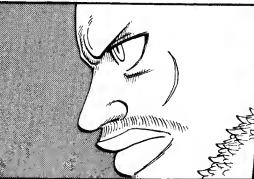
WHAT THE HELL
DO YOU KNOW,
YOU SON OF A...

WHAT?!

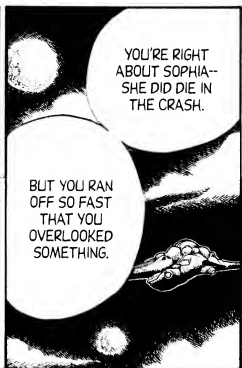


HOW COULD
YOU POSSIBLY
UNDERSTAND
HOW THAT'S
TORN ME TO
PIECES?!

I LOST BOTH
MY WIFE AND
KID IN A STUPID
ACCIDENT! I
DON'T EVEN
HAVE ANYTHING
TO BLAME!



HARDNER...

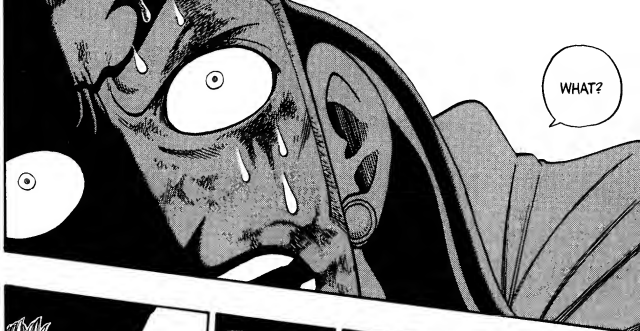


YOU'RE RIGHT
ABOUT SOPHIA--
SHE DID DIE IN
THE CRASH.

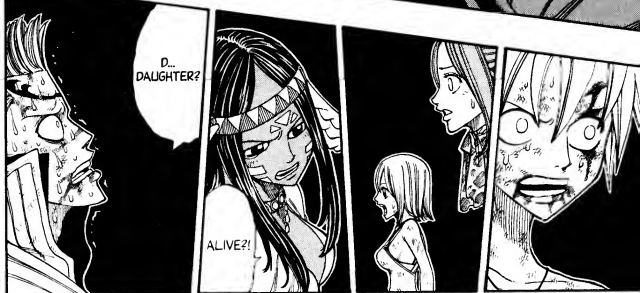
BUT YOU RAN
OFF SO FAST
THAT YOU
OVERLOOKED
SOMETHING.



YOUR
DAUGHTER'S
STILL ALIVE.



WHAT?



D...
DAUGHTER?

ALIVE?!

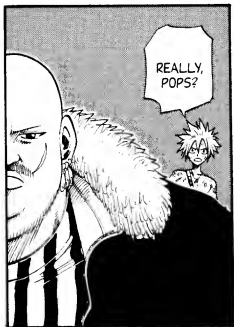


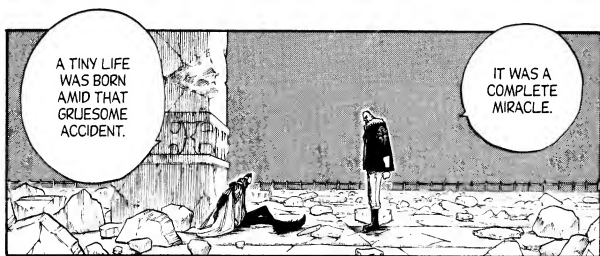
...WAS
A GIRL,
HARDNER.

YEAH. THE
BABY INSIDE
SOPHIA...

RAVE MASTER

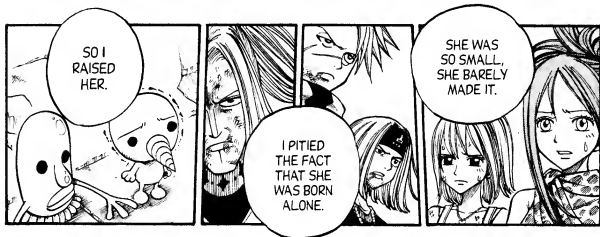






A TINY LIFE
WAS BORN
AMID THAT
GRUESOME
ACCIDENT.

IT WAS A
COMPLETE
MIRACLE.



SO I
RAISED
HER.

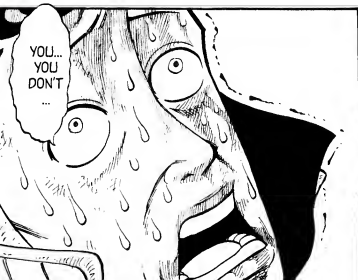
I PITIED
THE FACT
THAT SHE
WAS BORN
ALONE.

SHE WAS
SO SMALL,
SHE BARELY
MADE IT.

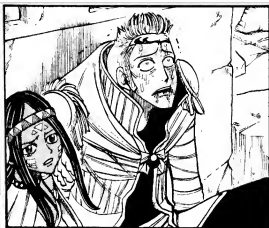


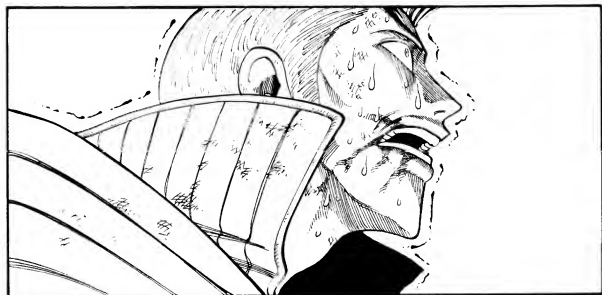
...FOR 15
YEARS.

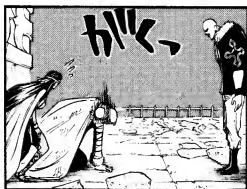
I RAISED
HER AS
MY OWN...



YOU...
YOU DON'T
...









Ah...

Ah!

I KNEW I
FINALLY
HAD TO
TELL YOU.

Aaah...

Aa...



Aaaa...

Ah...

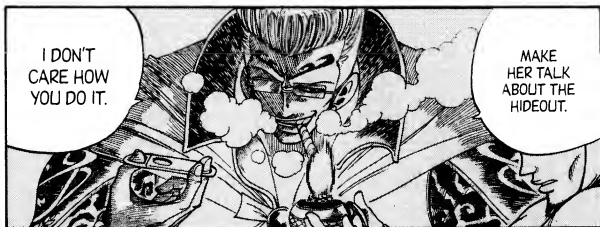


HER
NAME'S
NAGISA,
RIGHT?



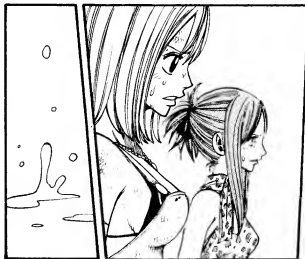
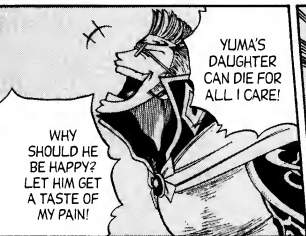
CAPTAIN!
SIR SEAN
REPORTS
THAT HE
HAS YUMA'S
DAUGHTER!

REALLY.



I DON'T
CARE HOW
YOU DO IT.

MAKE
HER TALK
ABOUT THE
HIDEOUT.





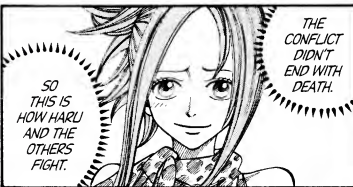




THIS
FIGHT'S
OVER.

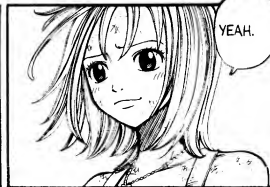
LET'S
MOVE ON,
GUYS.

カッ



SO
THIS IS
HOW HARU
AND THE
OTHERS
FIGHT.

THE
CONFLICT
DIDN'T
END WITH
DEATH.



YEAH.



I HAD TO
TELL YOU,
BUT YOU
STILL CAN'T
MEET WITH
NAGISA.



BUT I
HAVE A
REQUEST,
HARDNER.

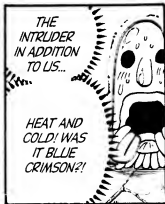
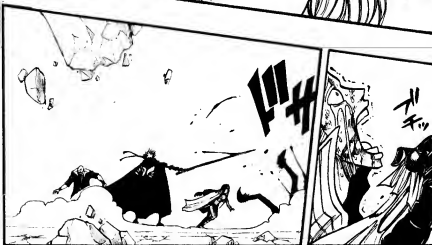
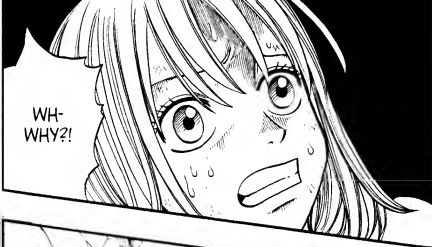




SEE YOU
IN HELL.

YOU'RE
BETTER
OFF DEAD.

YOU'RE
BETTER
OFF DEAD.







WE'RE ONLY
MISSING
ONE EACH.

YOU HAVE
FOUR RAVES.
I HAVE FOUR
MOTHER DARK
BRINGS.



WE'LL
MEET
AGAIN.

AT ANY
RATE



I WONDER
WHO CAN
MANAGE
TO FINISH
FIRST.



I DO.



DO YOU
REALLY THINK
YOU CAN
LEAVE AFTER
POPPING
UP AND
MURDERING
PEOPLE?!

WAIT, YOU
BASTARD!

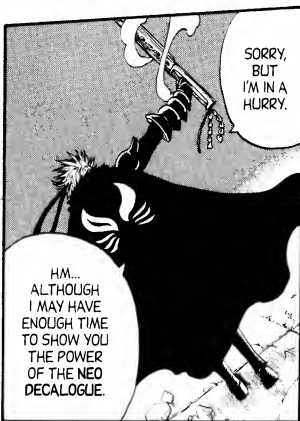


LIKE
HELL
YOU
CAN!

HARDNER
DIDN'T
EVEN
WANNA
FIGHT
ANYMORE!



WITNESS
THE TRUE
POWER OF
EXPLOSION
...



SORRY,
BUT
I'M IN A
HURRY.

HM...
ALTHOUGH
I MAY HAVE
ENOUGH TIME
TO SHOW YOU
THE POWER
OF THE NEO
DECALOGUE.



STAY
WITH ME,
HARDNER!

**DARKNESS
EXPLOSION!**



YEEK-I'M
FALLING!

H-HE ONLY
THRUST
ONCE!

WHA--

WHOA!

WAIT!
HARU'S
NOT--

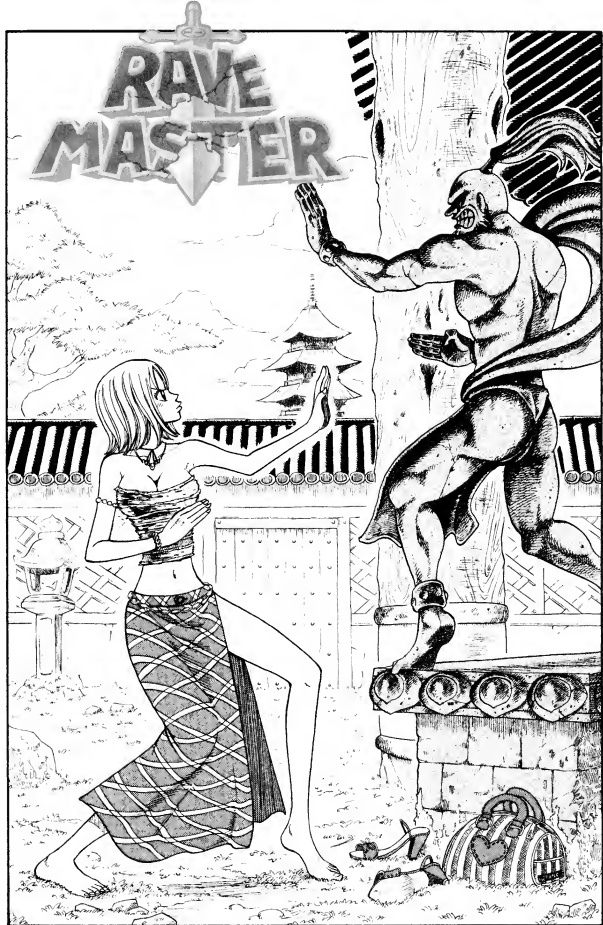
I'M ALL
RIGHT!

LADY
BELNIKA!

DADDY!

NNGH!

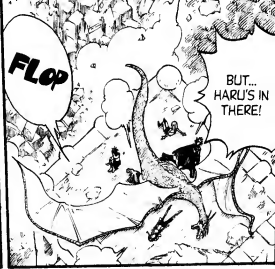






WE CAN'T
GET CLOSE
ENOUGH,
DADDY!

FORGET ABOUT
ME, MUCK-FOR-
BRAINS! SAVE
THE BRAT!







I
CERTAINLY
HOPE YOU
DON'T PLAN
TO DIE
HERE.

SHOULDN'T
YOU BE
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOURSELF
NOW?



I TOLD
YOU--I HAD
TO PUNISH
A TRAITOR.

AND
I HATE TO
BREAK IT
TO YOU, BUT
THAT'S THE
LIMIT OF MY
FEELINGS.



I NEED
A LONG
RANGE
ATTACK...



PLEASE.



VACUUM
SWORD,
MEL
FORCE!

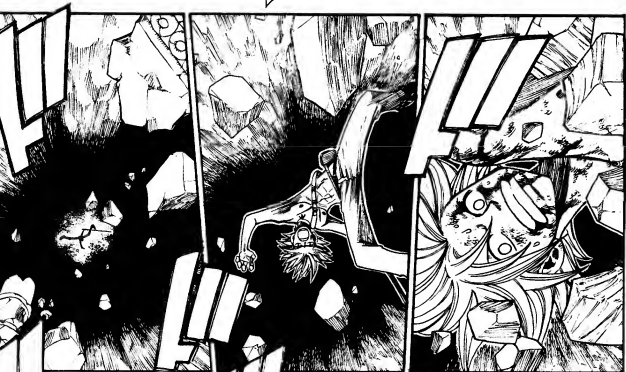
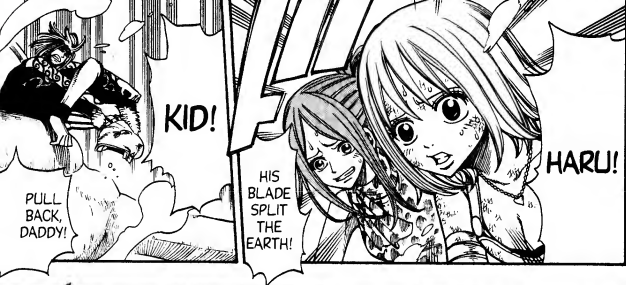


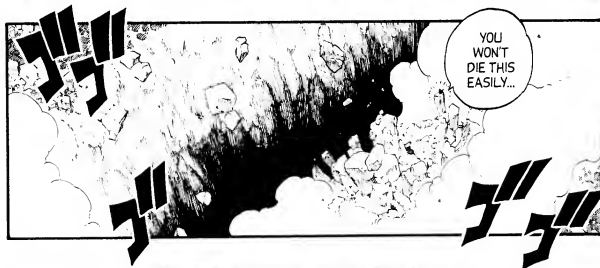
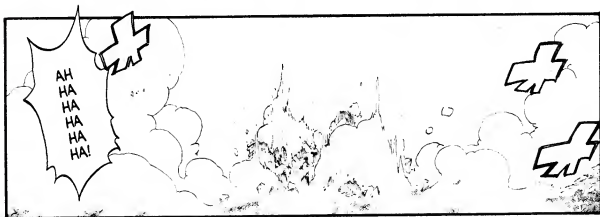
DARKNESS
MEL FORCE.

?!!!

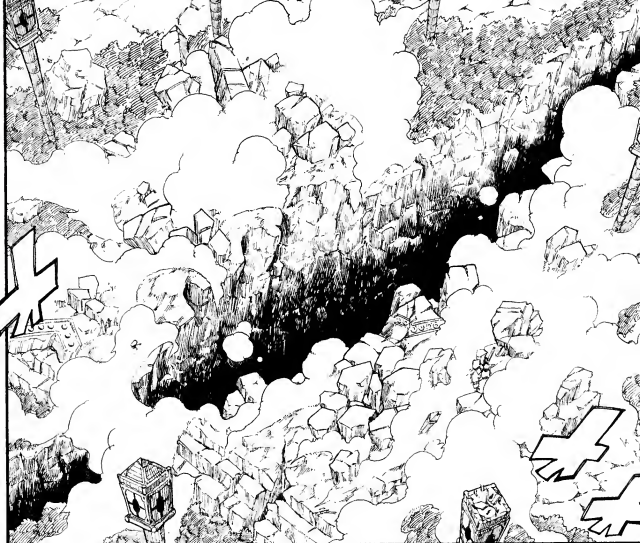


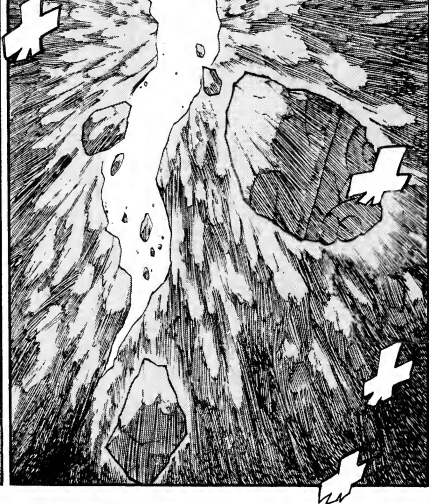
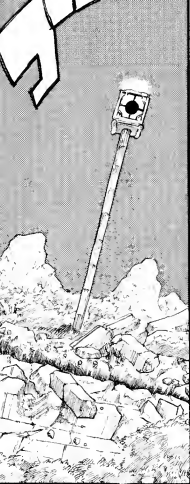
HUH?!



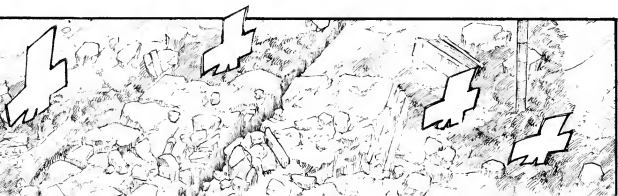


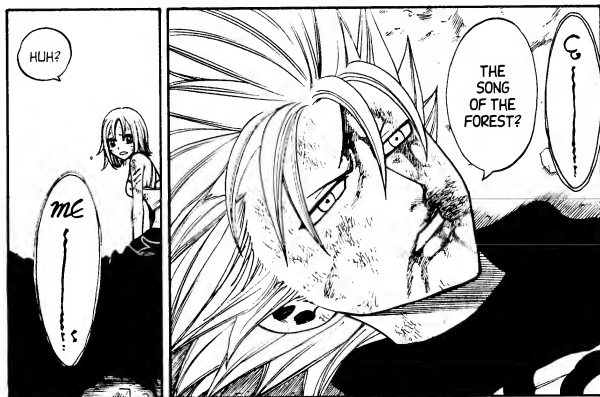
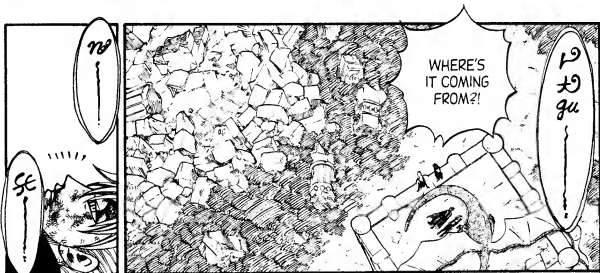
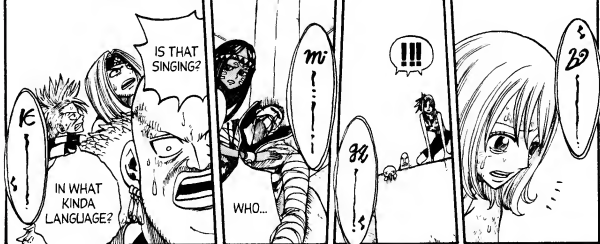


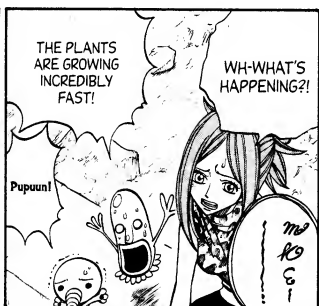
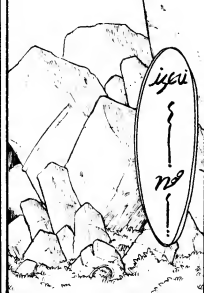




YOU THICK-SKULLED APE! WE HAVE TO GET DOWN THERE!

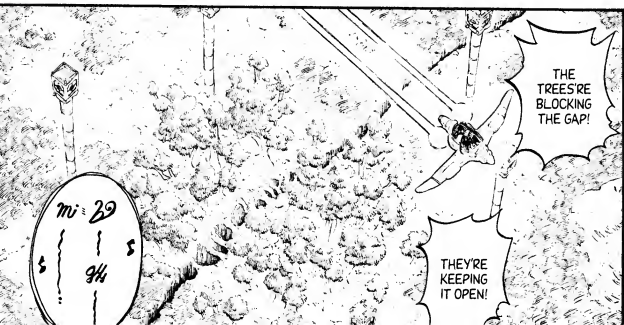






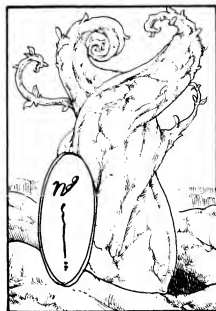
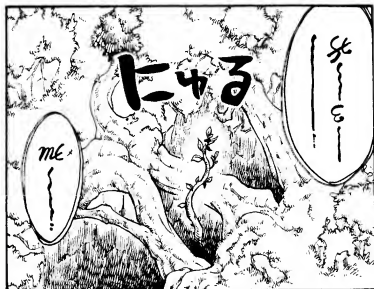
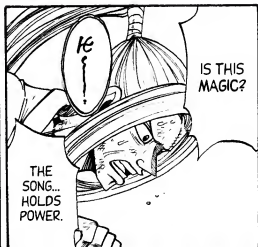
THE PLANTS
ARE GROWING
INCREDIBLY
FAST!

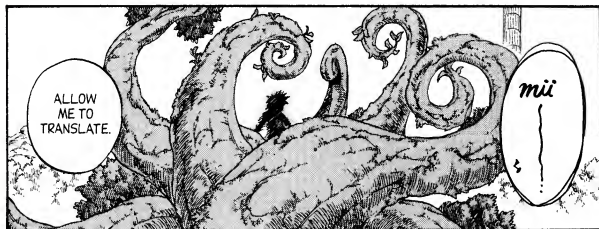
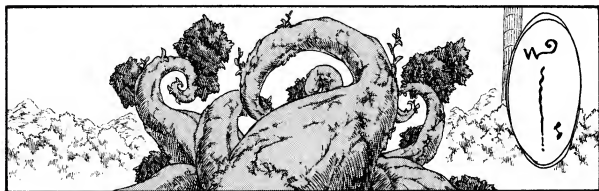
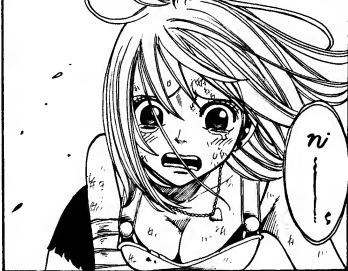
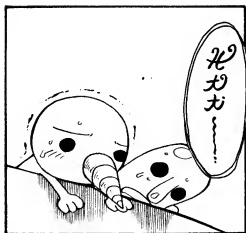
WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!



THEY'RE
KEEPING
IT OPEN!



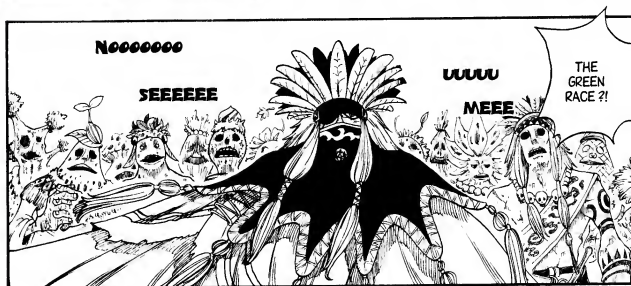
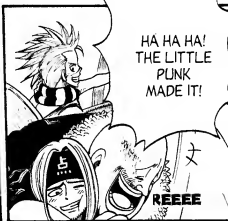
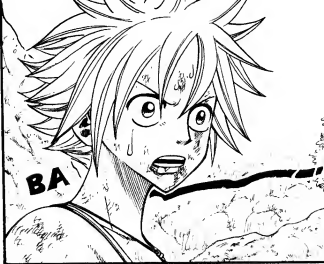
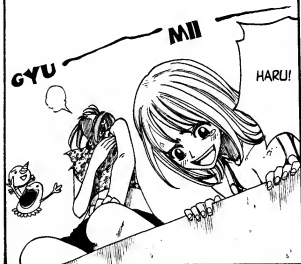






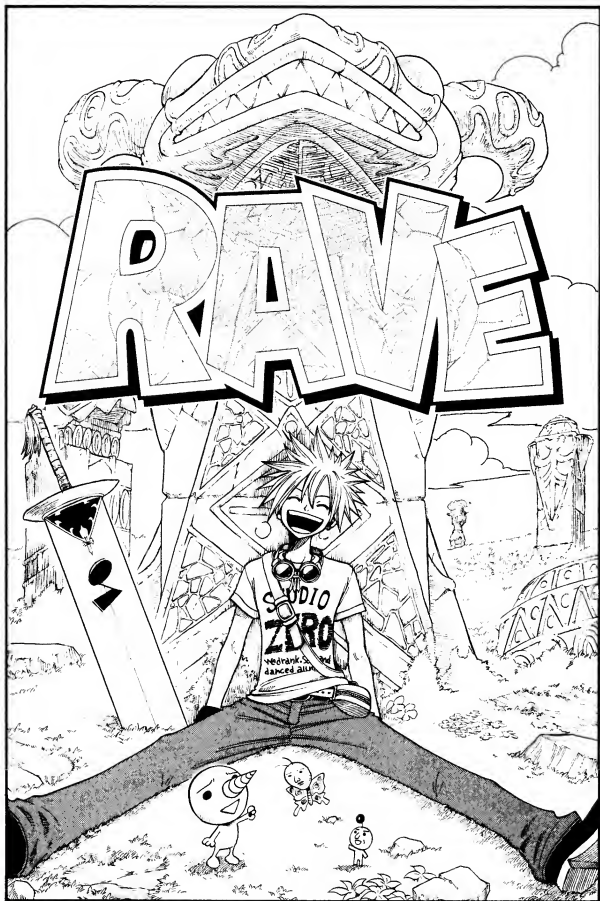
NO LIFE SHALL
BE TAKEN BY
THIS SOIL.

THE
GREEN
RACE ARE
YOUR
ALLIES.





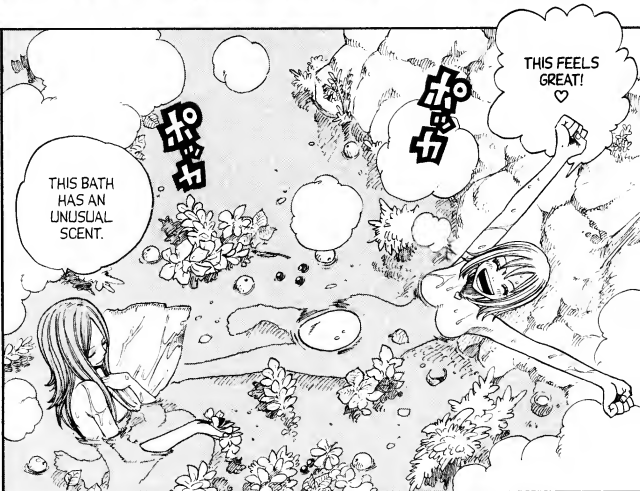






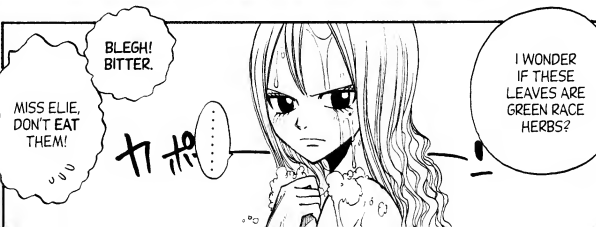
Green
Race
Village

PHEW!



THIS FEELS
GREAT!
♡

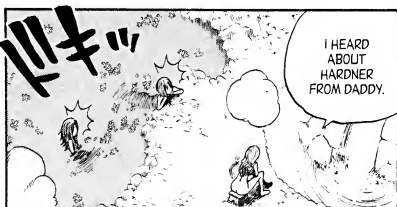
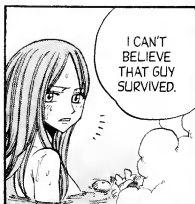
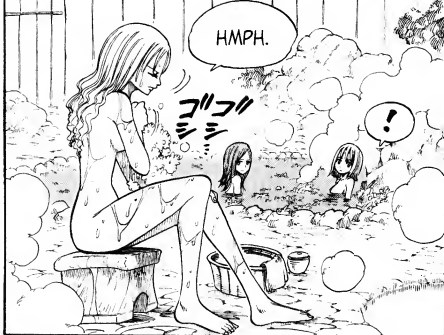
THIS BATH
HAS AN
UNUSUAL
SCENT.



I WONDER
IF THESE
LEAVES ARE
GREEN RACE
HERBS?

BLEGH!
BITTER.

MISS ELIE,
DON'T EAT
THEM!



GRAB

AND AFTER ALL
HE PUT ELIE
THROUGH...WHY
DID WE SAVE
THAT BASTARD?!

BUT HARDNER
COMPLETELY
WRECKED OUR
HIDEOUT.

BECAUSE
HE RE-
FORMED.

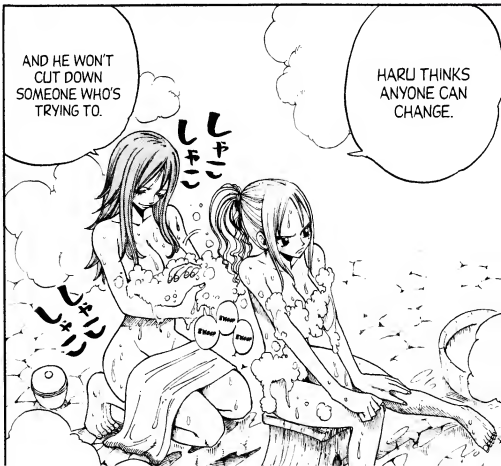
HMMM

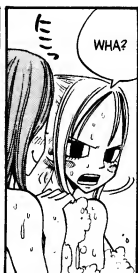
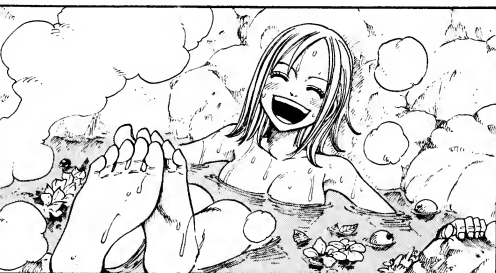
ER...

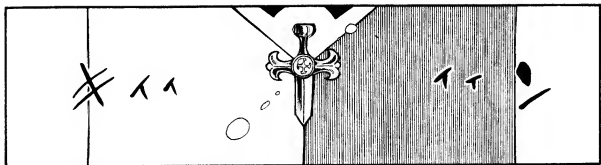
YEAH, RIGHT.
HOW COULD
A GUY THAT
EVIL POSSIBLY
CHANGE?

AND HE WON'T
CUT DOWN
SOMEONE WHO'S
TRYING TO.

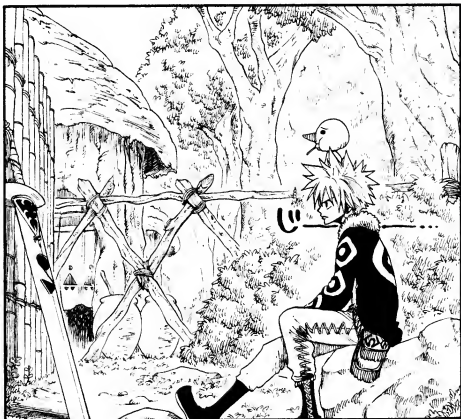
HARU THINKS
ANYONE CAN
CHANGE.



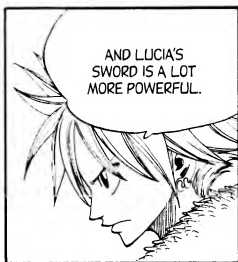




YOU OKAY,
MAN? THE
FEAST'S ABOUT
TO START.



AND LUCIA'S
SWORD IS A LOT
MORE POWERFUL.



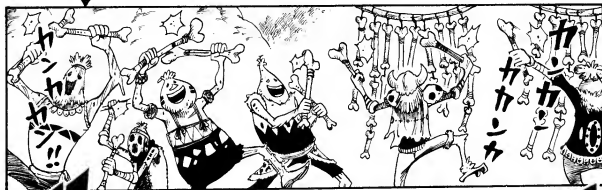
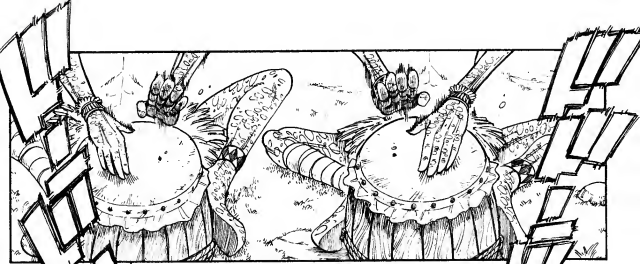
HM?
WELL,
YEAH.



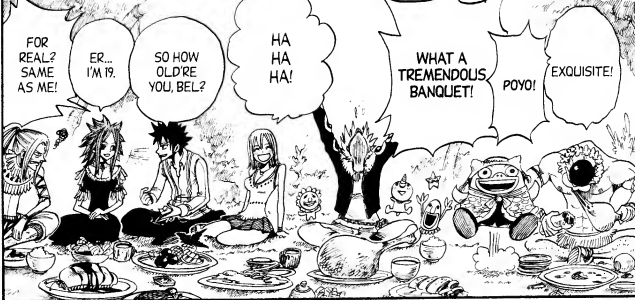
HEY,
MUSICA...
OLD MAN
MUSICA
MADE THIS
SWORD.

PUN















YOU
HORRIBLE
MAN!

FOR REAL?!
SOMEONE
GET ME SOME
BOOZE!

I CAN'T
HOLD MY
LIQUOR
WELL.

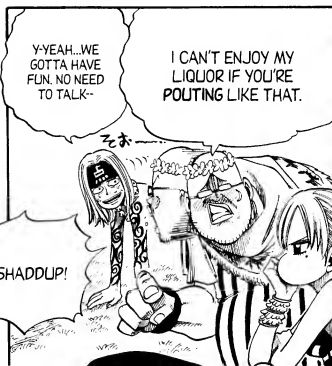
YOU,
TOO,
BEL!

HEY, ELIE--
DRINK UP!



TRULY, HARU...
I'M GRATEFUL
FROM THE
BOTTOM OF
MY HEART.

THIS
CELEBRATION
IS IN YOUR
HONOR.



Y-YEAH...WE
GOTTA HAVE
FUN. NO NEED
TO TALK--

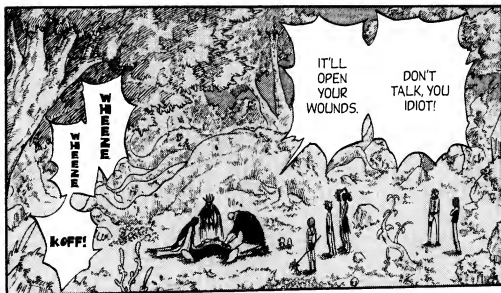
I CAN'T ENJOY MY
LIQUOR IF YOU'RE
POUTING LIKE THAT.

SHADDUP!



DON'T
SWEAT IT.





WHEEE
WHEEE

KOFF!

IT'LL
OPEN
YOUR
WOUNDS.

DON'T
TALK, YOU
IDIOT!

YUMA
...

KOFF!



BUT...



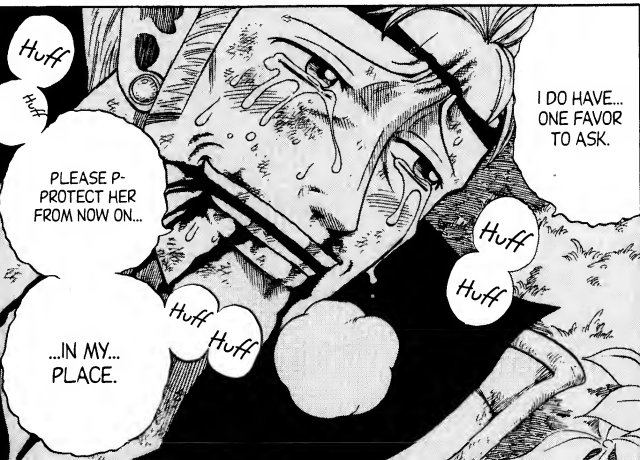
OR KNOW
THE
TRUTH.

SH-SHE
DOESN'T
HAVE TO
SEE ME.



Huff
Huff
ALL
THIS...
TIME.

THANKS...
FOR RAISING
NAGISA.



Huff

Huff

PLEASE P-
PROTECT HER
FROM NOW ON...

...IN MY...
PLACE.

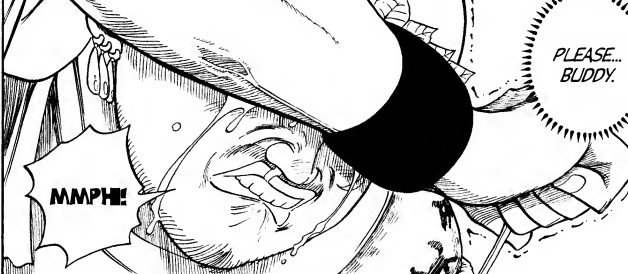
Huff

Huff

Huff

Huff

I DO HAVE...
ONE FAVOR
TO ASK.



PLEASE...
BUDDY.

MMPH!

OH, NEVER
MIND. I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YOU'RE HIDING.

YOU'LL...
UNDERSTAND.

SNIFF! YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
SOMEDAY.

TOO
MUCH...
BOOZE!

JEEZ,
WHY'RE
YOU CRYING
NOW?

HEY! DADDY,
WHAT'S WRONG
WITH...

LET ME
GO--YOU'RE
EMBARRASSING
ME!

YOU'RE MY
DAUGHTER,
AFTER ALL!



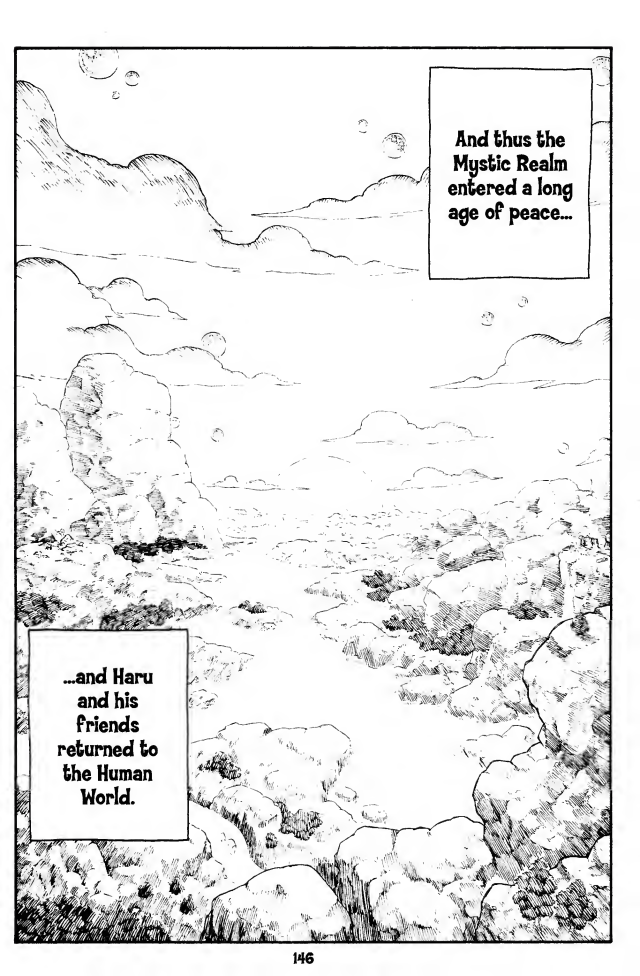


SO WE CAN
HAVE TIMES
LIKE THESE.



I THINK...

...THIS IS
WHY WE
FIGHT.

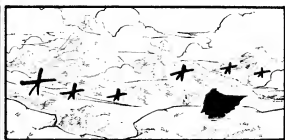
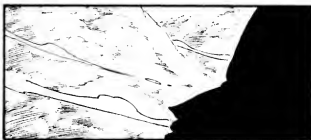
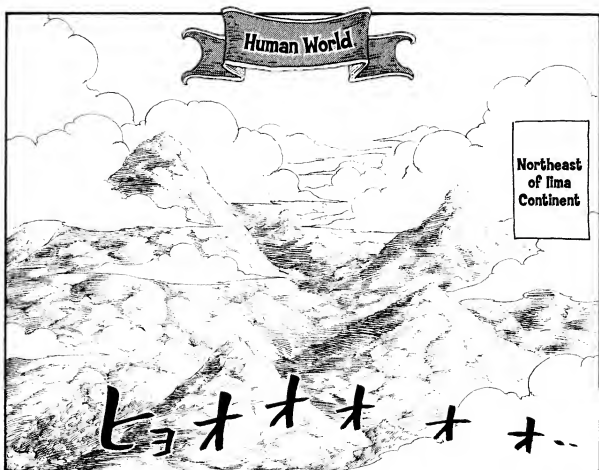


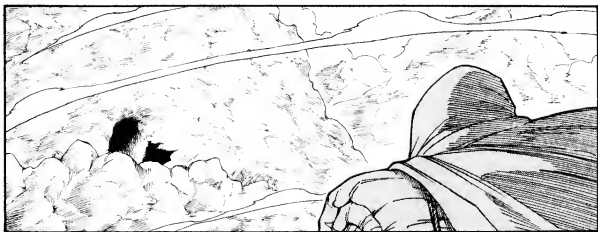
**And thus the
Mystic Realm
entered a long
age of peace...**

**...and Haru
and his
friends
returned to
the Human
World.**

RAVE



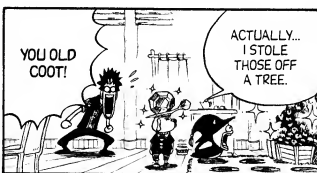


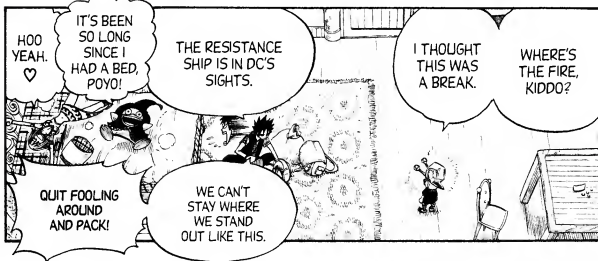


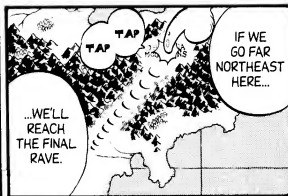
ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?!

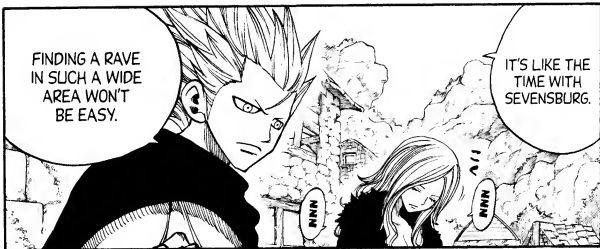
ヒッパ——!

SORRY, SON...
BUT I SPENT
THE WHOLE
KIT AND
KABOODLE.



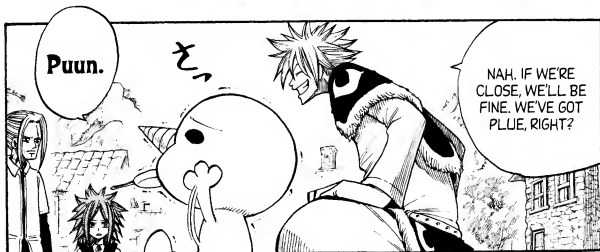






FINDING A RAVE
IN SUCH A WIDE
AREA WON'T
BE EASY.

IT'S LIKE THE
TIME WITH
SEVENSBURG.



Puun.

NAH. IF WE'RE
CLOSE, WE'LL BE
FINE. WE'VE GOT
PLUE, RIGHT?



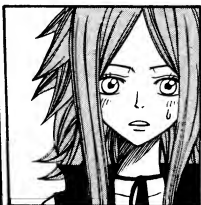
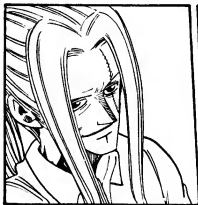
UM...WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN YOU
DO HAVE
THEM ALL?

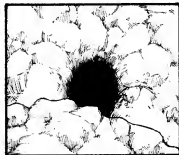
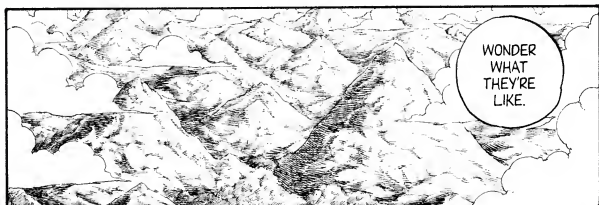


MAN. THE
LAST RAVE!



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
WE'VE
ALMOST GOT
'EM ALL!





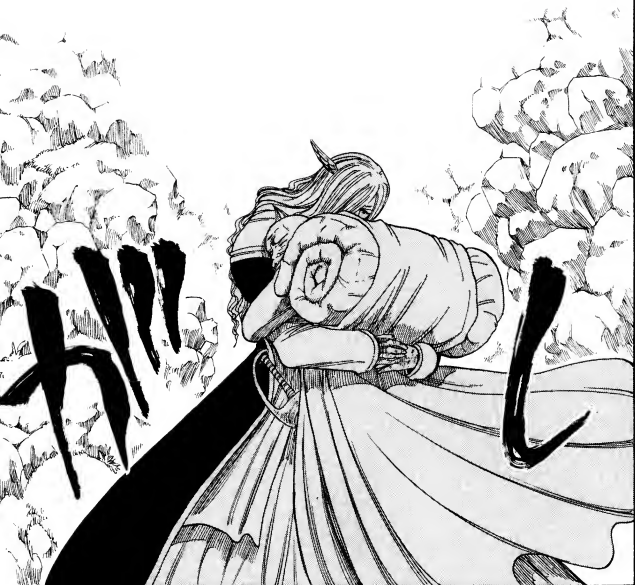


ALPINE.



I'M SORRY
FOR THE
LONG
JOURNEY.

Alpine Spaniel
Four Knights of
the Blue Sky



SNIFF!

I SEE.

NN!

I SEE, I SEE...

BUT REALLY, YOU'VE LIVED SO LONG.

HEH. YOU'RE AS QUICK TO CRY AS YOU EVER WERE.



I TRANSFERRED THE SOULS OF THE OTHER KNIGHTS INTO ANIMALS.



IT'S BEEN SO LONG... TO THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ME WHO'S STILL ALIVE IN THIS WORLD.



I'M SORRY,
FRIEND. I
KNEW THEIR
LOCATIONS
ALL ALONG.



...YOU'VE BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR RAVE
FRAGMENTS?

SO SHIBA.
THESE LAST
50 YEARS...



IF I'D
SPOKEN TO YOU
EARLIER, YOU'D
HAVE ALL OF
RAVE BY NOW.

I HAD TO STAY
AND MAINTAIN
THIS MYSTIC
CIRCLE FOR THE
SOULS' SAKE.



AGAIN.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT. MY
JOURNEY LED
ME TO HARU.



BUT THAT
IS FOR
LATER.

YES...I
REMEMBER THAT
DAY. YOU AND
THE SECOND.



THERE'S
MEANING
BEHIND
IT ALL.

...AND
MEETING
THE
SECOND.

...MY
JOURNEY
TO FIND
THE
PIECES...

RAVE
BEING
SCATTERED...

IT'S FOR
THE BEST.







HERE LIES
THE RAVE
OF TRUTH.



THEN
EVERYTHING
IS SET.

IT SEEMS
THOSE TWO
HAVE ALSO
COME.



I DON'T
KNOW.



I DO WONDER
IF HE'LL
MANAGE TO
ARRIVE...

...AND IF HE'LL
OBTAIN THIS
FINAL RAVE.



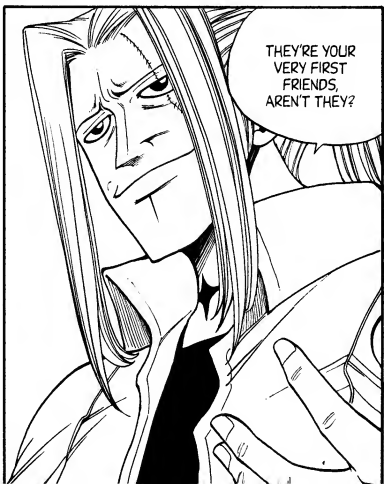
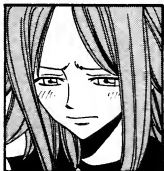
WE WILL
NOW AWAIT
THE SECOND.

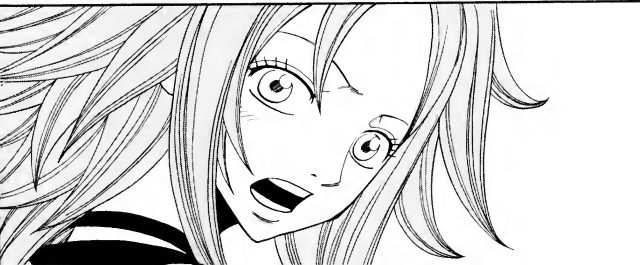


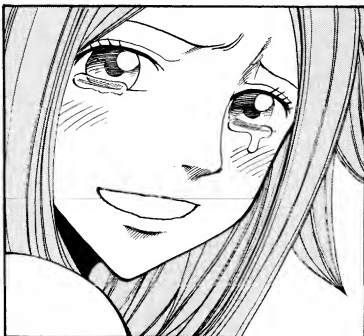
AFTER ALL, HE
STILL HASN'T
FACED THE
FINAL TRIAL.

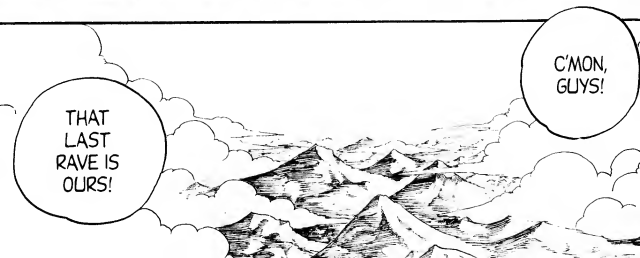
EVERYTHING
IS RESTING
ON HARU'S
SHOULDERS
NOW.













Delhalia
Mountains

YOU'RE
SURE THIS
IS FAR
ENOUGH?



GREEN
RACE.

FROM THE
GREEN
MACE!

IT'S THE
SYMBOL OF A
FRIENDSHIP
PACT, TWIT!

BY THE WAY,
DADDY...
WHAT'S
THAT THING
ON YOUR
HEAD?

WE CAN'T
FIND WHAT
WE NEED
FROM THE
AIR, ANYWAY.

YEAH,
WE'RE
GOOD.

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.

...I FORGOT
HE EXISTS.

MASTER,
MISTRESS,
WHYYYYYYYYY?!

WHY?! WHY
MUST I BE LEFT
BEHIND?!

Puun.

WHATEVER
YOU SAY.

PLUE'S GONNA
GET US TO
THE FINAL
RAVE NOW.



NOOO! I
WANT TO BE
WITH THE
MISTRESS
ELIE!

YOU AND I
SHALL FIGHT
FOR THE
RESISTANCE.

YOU CAN'T BE
OF ANY HELP
TO THEM HERE,
ANYWAY.

バァッ

FREEZE



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO SHUDA?

I DO HAVE
PLENTY OF
INFO ON DC.

SO WHAT--
YOU'RE ON
OUR SIDE
NOW?

HE
WASN'T
ON THE
SHIP.

DO WE
HAVE TO
TAKE 'EM?

UH...



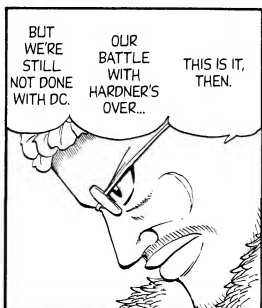
*I WAS HERE TO
PROTECT THEM,
BUT THEY DON'T
NEED THAT
ANYMORE.*

THAT'S
WHAT HE
SAID, AT
ANY RATE



HE LEFT TO
TAKE CARE
OF SOME
BUSINESS.

HE SAID
HE HAD TO
LOOK FOR
SOMETHING.



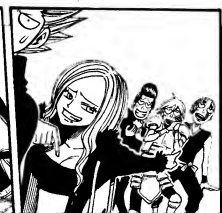
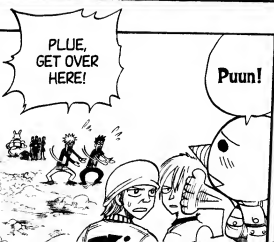
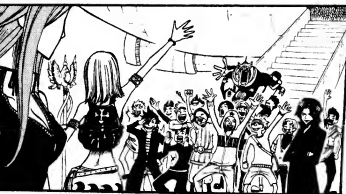
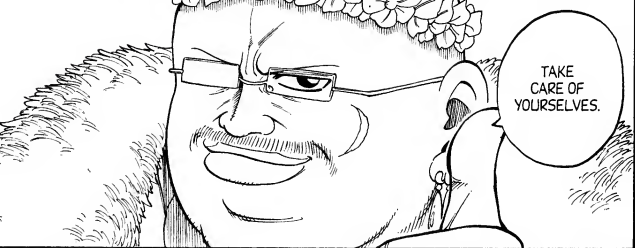


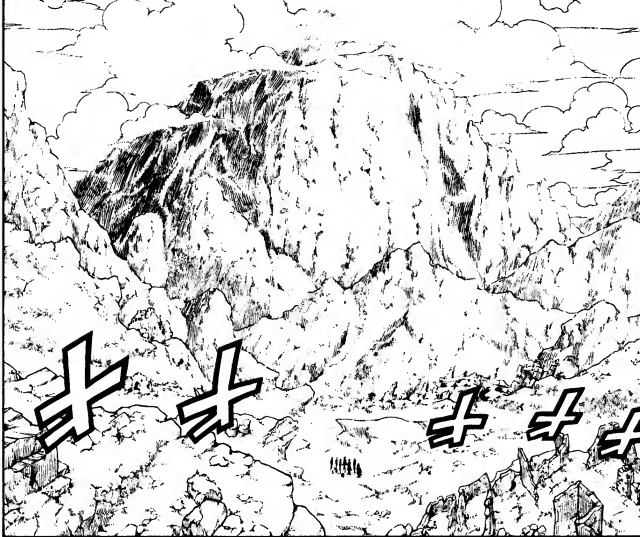
ALL RIGHT,
YOU DOGS! THE
BRAWL ONLY
GETS BIGGER
FROM HERE
ON OUT!

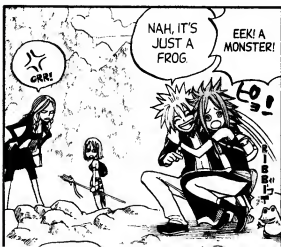
AND WE'RE
NOT GONNA
LOSE!

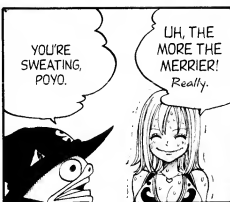
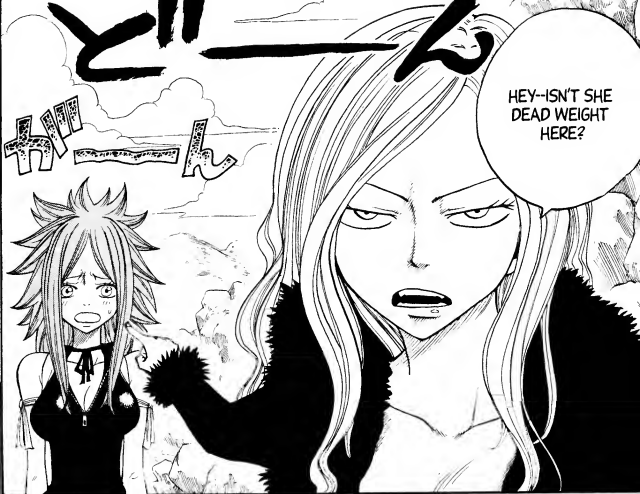


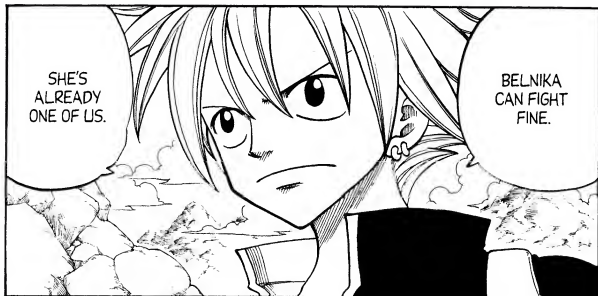
ROCK!

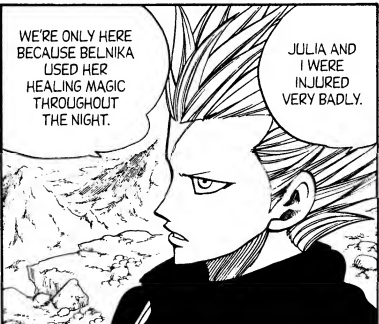
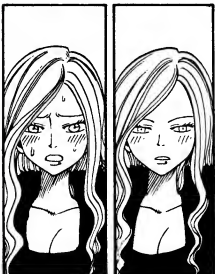
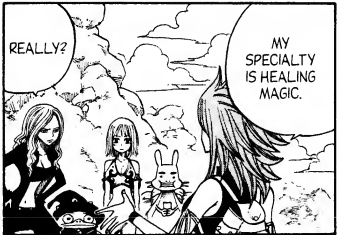
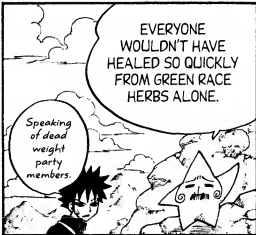
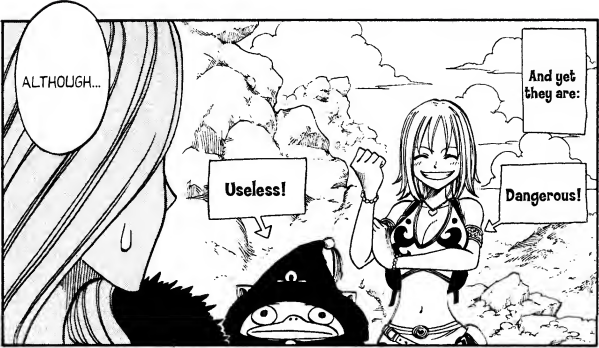


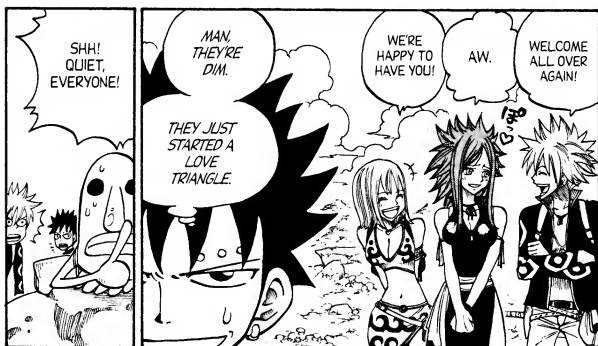










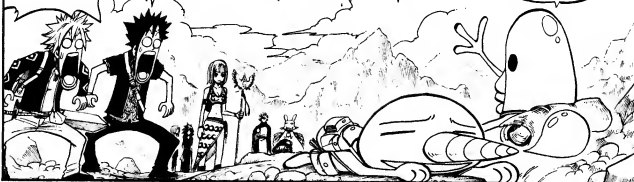


WE CAN'T
MOVE IF
PLUE'S
ASLEEP!

WELL,
WAKE
HIM UP!

Puhhñ.

MASTER
PLUE IS
SLEEPING.



WE'VE
GOTTA
CLIMB THAT
MOUNTAIN?



OVER
THERE.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT; HE'S
POINTED OUT
THE WAY.



YIKES.

WHOA!





I SAY WE
LOOK FOR
A DETOUR.

CAN WE
CLIMB IT?



STEPS?!

POYO!

EVERYONE
LOOK, POYO!
THERE ARE
STEPS HERE,
POYO!



MAYBE IT'S
A SHORTCUT
PAST THE
MOUNTAIN!

THOSE
ARE SURE
OUTTA
PLACE.

A
SHORTCUT,
HUH...



A PAIR OF EYES
BLINKED
AT ME!

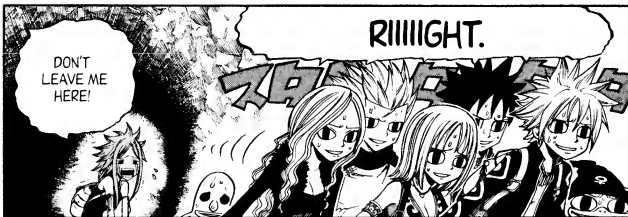
S-SOME-
THING'S
THERE!

IT'S
PROBABLY
A GHOST!



WHAT IS IT,
BELNIKA?!

KYAAAAAAA!



DON'T
LEAVE ME
HERE!

RIIIIGHT.



WE'LL GO
AROUND. THE
STAIRS MIGHT
BE A TRAP.

FINE.



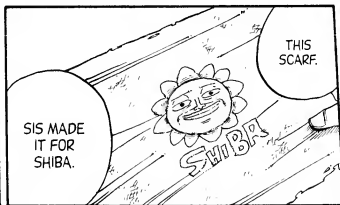
YEAH.

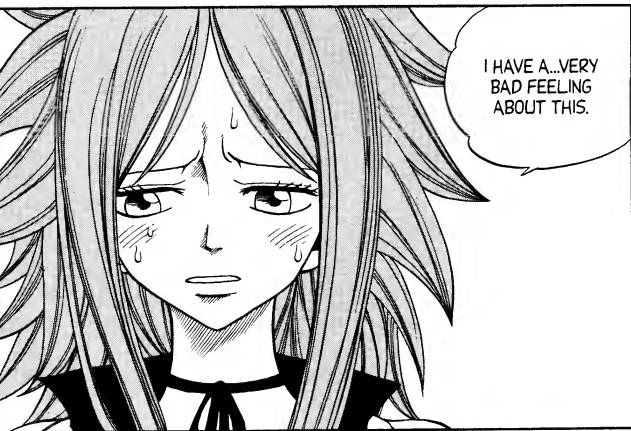
AND IT'S NOT
NECESSARILY
A SHORTCUT.

TOTALLY.

STOPPING
NOW
SEEMS
LIKE THE
BETTER
CHOICE.









I'M HERE,
REMEMBER?

TAKE IT
EASY.



TH-THERE'S
NOTHING TO
BE AFRAID OF.
NOPE! NOTHING
AT ALL!

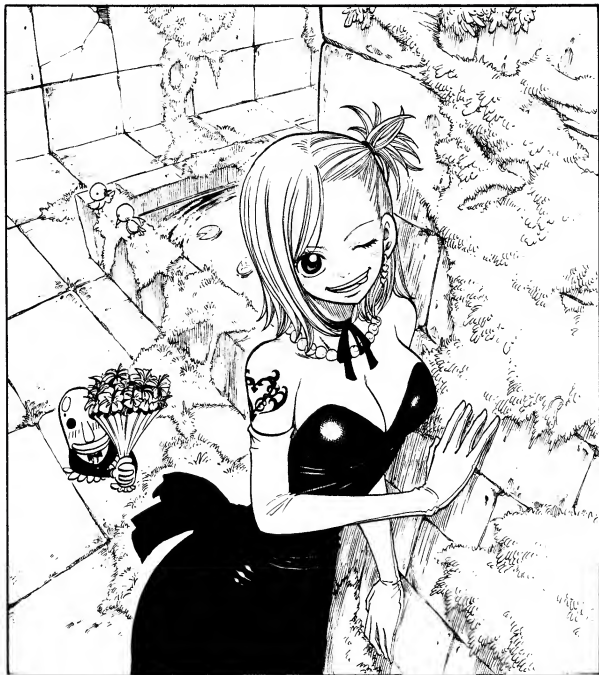


YOU HEARD
THE MAN.



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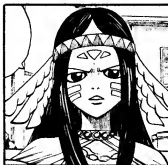
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CHARACTER PROFILE (1)

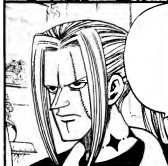
	Sorceress of Healing: Belnika (1) Magic (2) 0048, July 8 / Age 19 (3) 159 cm (5'2.5") / 47 kg (104 lbs.) / Type AB (4) Solar Fish Village (Iima Continent) (5) Fussing over her hair (6) Fast stripping (7) Haru, friends (8) Mountain paths								
	Resistance's Sole Woman: Nagisa Ansecto (1) Guns (2) 0052, Sept 3/ Age 15 (3) 154 cm (5'0.5") / 45 kg (99 lbs.) / Type B (4) Resistance Hideout (5) Dance (6) Vanishing Techniques (7) Family (8) DC								
	Resistance Leader: Yuma Ansecto (1) Gun-Axe (2) 0027, Feb 18 / Age 40 (3) 203 cm (6'8") / 168 kg (370 lbs.) / Type A (4) Resistance Hideout (5) Body Building (6) Smacking faces (7) Daughter, sons (8) DC, BG								
	BG Captain: Hardner (1) Mother DB (Anastasis), Executioner's Sword (2) 0025, Oct 29/ Age 41 (3) 218 cm (7'2") / 149 kg (328 lbs.) / Type O (4) Denon City (5) Making fun of subordinates (6) Restoration (7) Everything the world has (8) Losing that which he has obtained								
	213th DC Squad Leader: Branch (1) DB (Escape), makes running away faster (2) 0046, Jan 2/ Age 21 (3) 160 cm (5'3") / 42 kg (93 lbs.) / Type A (4) Garage Island (5) Dancing (6) Cunning (7) Women, money, fame (8) Those who know his past								
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CHARACTER PROFILE (2)



BG First Mate: Lunar

- (1) DB (Lightning)
- (2) 0046, March 19/ Age 21
- (3) 160 cm (5'3") / 48 kg (106 lbs.) / Type A
- (4) Peryperryoll
- (5) Tanning salon
- (6) Steering airships
- (7) Hardner
- (8) All those who oppose BG



Doctor: Jellybone

- (1) None
- (2) 0015, November 16/ Age 51
- (3) 174 cm (5'8.5") / 60kg (132 lbs.) / Type B
- (4) Solar Fish Village
- (5) Reading
- (6) Medicine
- (7) Belnika
- (8) Experimentation



Resistance's #2: Mitsu Ansecto

- (1) Saber
- (2) Unknown/ Unknown (Age 15-16)
- (3) 176 cm (5'9") / 64 kg (141 lbs.) / Type O
- (4) Unknown
- (5) Practicing with swords
- (6) Cooking
- (7) Nagisa, Daddy
- (8) Bees



Resistance's #3: Nanahoshi Ansecto

- (1) Shotgun
- (2) Unknown/ Unknown (Age 15-16)
- (3) 175 cm (5'9") / 67 kg (148 lbs.) / Type B
- (4) Unknown
- (5) Peeping
- (6) Washing
- (7) Daddy, family
- (8) Daddy's face smacks



Acting Captain: Chaddock Ansecto

- (1) Club
- (2) Unknown/ unknown (Age 14-15)
- (3) 168 cm (5'6") / 58kg (128 lbs.) / Type O
- (4) Unknown
- (5) Stuffing things he likes in bottles
- (6) Falling asleep
- (7) Plue, bottles
- (8) Cats

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Characters, I Reveal Thy Secrets!

LOTS OF CHARACTERS TO GO THROUGH THIS TIME! FIRST, BELNIKA. I'VE WANTED TO BRING OUT A CHARACTER WITH AN EASTERN EUROPEAN NAME FOR A WHILE NOW. AT FIRST I'D PLANNED FOR A MORE STACKED GIRL, BUT ELIE AND JULIA ARE ALREADY PRETTY STACKED--SO I WENT EASY THIS TIME.

I'D FIRST PLANNED NAGISA AS A NINJA! MUSICA'S LINE ABOUT HER DISAPPEARING IN VOL. 22 IS A REMNANT OF THAT.

YUMA WAS PLANNED AS A HEARTY MIDDLE-AGED MAN FROM THE START. HE'S THE KID OF HASH, WHO WAS IN "KNIGHTS OF KINGDOM" IN VOL. 10. SURPRISINGLY FEW PEOPLE NOTICED.

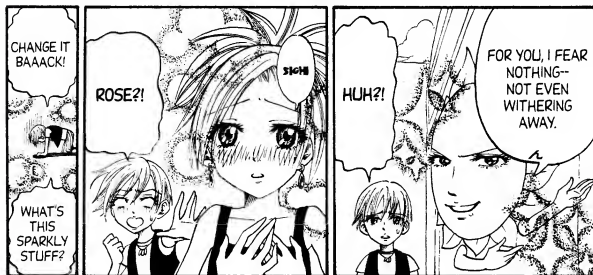
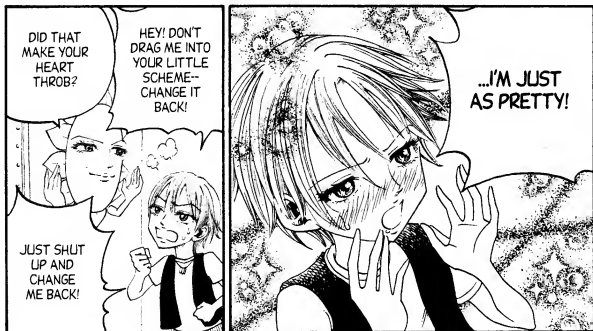
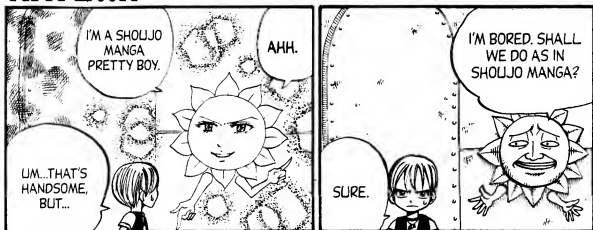
HARDNER WAS A PRETTY TOUGH CHARACTER. I HADN'T SETTLED ANY DETAILS ABOUT HIM UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE HE APPEARED. ACTUALLY, I FORGOT, SEE. (^_^) AND HE'S SHORTER THAN HE WAS ON THE POSTCARD THAT CAME OUT WITH VOL. 18. SORRY, FORGOT ABOUT THAT.

NEXT IS BRANCH. HERE, EVERYTHING I WORKED OUT AT THE START WORKED THROUGH TO THE VERY END. HIS DUTY IS FULFILLED. HE WAS A TRULY UNPOPULAR CHARACTER, BUT SOME WERE A LITTLE MOVED BY HIM AT THE END.

LUNAR. SHE WINS MOST ANOREXIC PERSON THIS TIME AROUND! I ACTUALLY MEANT TO SHOW A GOOD IULIUS VS. LUNAR SCENE AND TO HAVE SHUDA (WHO DID NOTHING THIS TIME ^^;) BEAT HER, BUT I HAD TO CUT BOTH BATTLES FOR THE SAKE OF THE STORY. OH, LUNAR...FOR WHAT WERT THOU EVEN HERE? (TEARS)

JELLYBONE WAS ORIGINALLY AN ETHERION LAB RESEARCHER ON THE WESTERN SONG CONTINENT. BELNIKA'S PARENTS WERE ALSO RESEARCHERS, BUT THE RESEARCH ENDED WHEN SHE WAS STILL YOUNG. BELNIKA INHERITED THEIR ZEAL.

LAST ARE MITSU, NANAHOSHI, AND CHADDOCK. MITSU IS POPULAR FOR SOME REASON. (WHY?) ALL THE NAMES ARE RELATED TO INSECTS. YUMA'S NAME REVERSED MEANS "COOON" AND THE LETTERS IN NAGISA'S NAME SWITCHED AROUND MEAN "CHRYSLIS." ALL THAT INSECT REFERENCING...JEEZ. CAN'T I COME UP WITH A BETTER PLAN THAN THAT?...



AFTERWORDS

THERE'S A SURE WAY TO RUIN HIRO MASHIMA'S PHYSICAL HEALTH, DU-DUM! (DRUMS) I THINK MY BODY'S PRETTY DECENT, BUT FOR SOME REASON, HOLIDAYS SEEM TO MESS ME UP. GOLDEN WEEK, LANTERN FESTIVAL, NEW YEAR'S...WHY?! I SHOULD BE LIKE, "YAY! HOLIDAY! LET'S GO PLAY!" AND FEEL GREAT, BUT I ALWAYS GET SICK. MAYBE BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS TIRED WHEN I GO OUT ON HOLIDAY?

I NEVER GET A COLD OR ANYTHING WHEN DRAWING MANGA, THOUGH. STRANGE...OH, AND I'M BACK FROM VACATION NOW.

MY RULE HELD DURING THIS YEAR'S GOLDEN WEEK, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE. (^^) I KNOW THEY SAY MAINTAINING YOUR HEALTH'S PART OF YOUR JOB, BUT I'M BAD AT IT. IT'S NOT GOOD TO GET COLDS EVERY TIME YOU HAVE TIME OFF. I'LL TRY TO HANG ON NEXT TIME.

BEFORE THAT, THERE WAS THIS FRIEND OF MINE WHO WAS LIKE, "I'VE BEEN HERE 5 YEARS AND I'VE NEVER HAD A COLD!" AND EVERYONE WAS LIKE, "WOW..." AND HE WAS FOLLOWING ALL THESE RULES FOR NOT CATCHING COLDS, BUT THE WEEK AFTER, HE CAME DOWN WITH A COLD. ER... ^^;

SO, A QUESTION FOR ALL OF YOU:

IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO LECTURED YOU ON NOT GETTING COLDS, AND THEN HE GETS A COLD THE WEEK AFTER:

HOW SHOULD YOU MAKE FUN OF HIM?

Hiro Mashima.